

INSIDE TODAY

Weiner won't go



Queens residents hold a rally calling for the resignation of U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., in front of his New York office Sunday, June 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/David Karp)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Democratic leaders on Sunday urged embattled Rep. Anthony Weiner to quit because of his sex texting scandal, a request the New York lawmaker has sidestepped in favor of a temporary leave of absence to undergo treatment.

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Syrian troops regain ground

BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Elite Syrian troops backed by helicopters and tanks regained control Sunday of a town where police and soldiers joined forces with the protesters they were ordered to shoot — a decisive assault from a government prepared for an all-out battle to keep power. Troops led by the president's brother shelled Jisr al-Shughour as the gunships hovered overhead, paving the way for scores of tanks and armored personnel carriers to roll in from two directions.

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Martin Luther King III attends ceremony

Statue of Anne Frank unveiled on Aruba



Martin Luther King III and his wife Arndrea Waters King are pictured on the left together with Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman, Foundation President Diana Gonzalez-Pieters, Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, Artist Joep Coppens, Hans Westra, Acting Governor Ella Tromp Yarzagaray, and Rabbi Dr. Mario Gurevich at the unveiling of the Statue of Anne Frank.

Photo by Julia Renfro

ORANJESTAD — On the birthday of Anne Frank, yesterday June 12th, a statue of her created by Dutch Artist Joep Coppens was unveiled in the Wilhelmina Park in downtown Oranjestad. Pres-

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Government Arthur Dowers, Benny Sievinger and Mike de Meza amongst other dignitaries.

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Angelle Stamper received a standing ovation for delivering a very emotional and powerful poem during the unveiling of the Anne Frank statue.

Photo by Julia Renfro



Martin Luther King III expressed his love and forgiveness to those who caused so much damage and hatred towards his family and others.

Photo by Julia Renfro

As new photos surface, Weiner wants leave of absence

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The Republican Party chairman criticized Democratic leaders for not taking a more forceful stand earlier on the affair, which has overshadowed much of the legislative business on Capitol Hill over the past week.

Weiner has acknowledged exchanging messages and photos ranging from sexually suggestive to explicit with several women online, and the latest to surface appeared on the entertainment website TMZ.

The photos posted Sunday were purportedly taken in the House members' gym and show a shirt-less Weiner with a towel around his waist and his hand on his crotch. TMZ said the photos were sent online to at least one woman.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 House Democrat, spoke of Weiner's "bizarre and unacceptable behavior" in texting inappro-



Huma Abedin, aide to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, is seen during an event with farmers of the Upendo Women's Co-operative in Mlandizi, Tanzania, Sunday, June 12, 2011. Abedin's husband, Rep. Anthony Weiner, involved in a sexting scandal, rejected calls from Democratic leaders to resign Saturday; instead he is seeking professional treatment and asking for a leave of absence from Congress.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, POOL)

priate pictures of himself to young women. Hoyer said it would be "extraordinarily difficult" for Weiner to continue to represent his constituents effectively.

In New York, foes and supporters of Weiner confronted each other outside his district office in the Kew Gardens section of the borough of Queens.

"He's not fit to be our congressman," said Jim Scott, 61, one of about two dozen constituents who rallied to demand that Weiner resign. "People are sick of him, especially his attitude."

Half a dozen Weiner supporters gathered a few yards (meters) away. College student Olivia Lurie, 18, said Weiner was a good leader who made a mistake.

In a recent poll of registered voters in Weiner's district, 56 percent said he should stay in office while 33 percent said he should leave.

Weiner, an outspoken liberal,

was known for his sharply worded critiques of Republican policies on the House floor and frequently appeared on cable television news shows.

Weiner announced Saturday that he was entering professional treatment at an undisclosed location and wanted a leave of absence from Congress. A statement from an aide did not say where he would receive treatment or what type was involved.

That announcement came right after House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the national party head, said Weiner must go. Weiner acknowledged at a news conference last Monday that he had lied in previously saying that he had not sent any photos. Pelosi immediately called for an ethics committee investigation. But it was not until the weekend that Democratic leaders said he should step down. □



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Huntsman questions Obama's Afghanistan policy

BRADLEY KLAPPER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Potential Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman is suggesting a faster timetable for pulling U.S. troops from Afghanistan than the one laid out by President Barack Obama.

Obama plans to bring home next month the first batch of about 100,000 American troops currently in Afghanistan, with all combat troops leaving by 2014.

Huntsman, a former Utah governor who was Obama's ambassador to China, thinks that may not be fast enough because of the financial cost of the war and because of waning public support.

"When you look at Afghanistan, can we hang out until 2014 and beyond?" Huntsman asked. "You can, if you're willing to pay another quarter of a trillion dollars to do so."

In an interview aired Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union," he questioned whether

the battle against the Taliban and other anti-government insurgents served U.S. national interests any longer.

He didn't mention last month's killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, but his doubts appeared to be tapping into the growing sentiment in the

effort.

One of the key goals of the military campaign was to ensure that Afghanistan never again could offer a haven to the group that killed nearly 3,000 Americans on Sept. 11, 2001.

"If it isn't in our direct nation-

cost is going to be in terms of money and human lives, then I think you have to say it's probably time we re-evaluate this," Huntsman said.

He said continued U.S. engagement required that a "strong argument" be made to the American people.

But asked specifically if he would take American troops

out sooner than 2014, Huntsman hedged.

"My hunch is the American people want to be out of there as quickly as we can get it done," he said.

But, he added: "You're going to have to leave behind some presence, probably not 100,000 or 120,000 troops, but some presence." □



Republican presidential hopeful, Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman swings his leg over a 'Deluxe Softail' Harley during a stop at Manchester Harley Davidson in Manchester, N.H.

(AP Photo/Cheryl Senter)

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Newt Gingrich looks to restart faltering campaign

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Just days after his top staff resigned en masse, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Sunday sought to reboot his troubled presidential bid with a foreign policy speech accusing the Obama administration of placing "political correctness above common sense" in its dealings on the world stage.

The address before the Republican Jewish Coalition, scheduled for Sunday night in Beverly Hills, will be Gingrich's first since he was rocked by the sudden exodus of 16 senior strategists and advisers. They bolted Thursday less than a month after his White House cam-

paigned was formally launched.

Pledging to soldier on, Gingrich vowed to start fresh in Los Angeles, where he said his campaign "begins anew."

In remarks prepared for delivery and provided to The Associated Press, Gingrich makes only a passing reference to the upheaval, vowing to carry his message of renewal around the country "no matter what it takes."

The West Coast speech had been planned well before the Gingrich campaign imploded.

But as Gingrich scrambles to prove he remains a viable contender, the appearance allows him to showcase the two strongest sides of his personality: policy heavyweight and verbal bomb thrower. □



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Fire evacuation order lifted for 2 Arizona towns

BRIAN SKOLOFF

Associated Press

SPRINGERVILLE, Arizona (AP) — Firefighters on Sunday expressed the first real sense of hope that they were making progress in their battle against a huge eastern Arizona wildfire burning since May, as officials began allowing roughly 7,000 residents to return home to two mountain towns that had been threatened by the blaze.

Fire crews remained in Springerville and the nearby town of Eagar, guarding against flare-ups, but Apache County Sheriff's Cmdr. Webb Hogle said residents could return home because the blaze was "no longer a threat to the citizens."

"We've been praying every day to come home," Valarina Walker said Sunday while chatting with other returning locals outside a convenience store in Springerville.

The bed of her red pickup truck was overflowing with boxes of photo albums and family heirlooms.

"Just took what couldn't be replaced, left the rest behind," Walker said crying. "I'm just so happy and excited to be home. We thank God for those firefighters." About 2,700 other people who live in several resort communities in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest remained under an evacuation order.

On the road into downtown Springerville, a flashing sign

read: "We missed you, welcome home."

Meanwhile, firefighters stopped short of jubilation Sunday morning, but said they were finally gaining ground against the entire 693-square-mile inferno (1,795-square-

ers as the gusts burned off fuel in the central part of the blaze before it reached their fire lines.

About 30 homes and cabins have been destroyed since the fire began May 29.

While the blaze remained per-



A butterfly flies as smoke rises from a burnout fire during the Wallow Fire in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Ariz., Sunday, June 12, 2011. Roughly 7,000 residents of two eastern Arizona towns evacuated last week as a wildfire loomed nearby were allowed to return home Sunday as officials expressed confidence that they were making progress in their battle against the huge blaze that has been burning since May.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

kilometer) that has already burned across the state line into New Mexico, even as the winds picked up considerably and containment remained at just 6 percent.

"Everything is holding," Fire Operations Chief Jerome Macdonald said. "Compared to what we've been dealing with just two days ago ... we're feeling a lot more confident. We turned a corner."

Macdonald said strong winds have actually helped firefight-

ers ilously close — about four miles (6.5 kilometers) away — to two major power lines that bring electricity from Arizona to West Texas, Macdonald said firefighters were able to burn off most of the fuel in between, lessening the risk of disruption. The fire still threatened the picturesque Arizona mountain towns of Alpine, Nutrioso and Greer, where officials said residents would likely not be allowed back in for up to five more days. □

Education Secretary may agree to waivers on 'no child' law

SAM DILLON

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Unless Congress acts by this fall to overhaul No Child Left Behind, the main federal law on public education, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan signaled that he would use his executive authority to free states from the law's centerpiece requirement that all students be proficient in reading and math by 2014. The Obama administration has been facing a mounting clamor from state school officials to waive substantial parts of the law, which President George W. Bush signed in 2002, especially its requirement that states bring 100 percent of students to proficiency in reading and math by 2014 or face sanctions. In March, Duncan predicted that the law would classify 80,000 of the nation's 100,000 public schools as failing this fall unless it was amended.

But his efforts to address the problem have gained little traction on Capitol Hill, where several attempts since 2007 to rewrite the sprawling school accountability law have failed.

"We're not going to sit here and do nothing," Duncan told reporters Friday in a conference call that was embargoed until midnight Saturday. "Our first priority is to have Congress rewrite the law. If that doesn't get done, we have the obligation to provide relief in exchange for reform."

While the secretary said it was premature to lay out specific plans for potential waivers, his aides said the 100-percent proficiency standard would be the main target, and that restrictions on how federal money is spent could be relaxed. Duncan said in exchange for such flexibility, states would have to embrace President Barack Obama's education priorities, a formula the administration used last year in its signature education initiative, the Race to the Top grant competition, which awarded money to those that opened new space for charter schools, toughened teacher evaluation systems, and remade their worst-performing schools, among other things.

Congressional leaders reacted cautiously to Duncan's salvo. Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., chairman of the House Education Committee, "remains concerned about any initiative that would allow the secretary to pick winners and losers in the nation's education system," said Jennifer Allen, a spokeswoman. Still, she said, Kline supports "providing states and school districts with enhanced flexibility, believing a more streamlined federal role in education combined with reduced regulatory burdens would encourage greater innovation and higher academic achievement." Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, called Duncan's comments "premature." □

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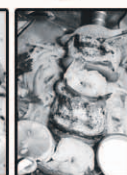
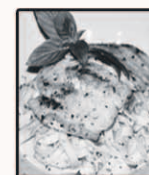
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Giffords photos released; first since shooting



This photo combo shows U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz. At left, Giffords takes part in a reenactment of her swearing-in on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Jan. 5, 2011, three days before she was shot as she met with constituents in Tucson, Ariz. At right, Giffords is seen May 17, 2011, at TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, the day after the launch of space shuttle Endeavour and the day before she had her cranioplasty. Giffords could be released from a rehabilitation hospital in Houston sometime in June 2011, a top aide says, offering the latest indication that the Arizona congresswoman is making progress in recovering from a gunshot wound to the head.

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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Images of a smiling Rep. Gabrielle

Giffords were posted early Sunday on her Facebook page, two photos that show her with shorter, darker hair

but few signs that she suffered a gunshot wound to the head. The photos were taken May 17 outside the Houston rehabilitation facility, TIRR Memorial Hermann, where Giffords has been undergoing intensive treatment since she was wounded five months ago at a meet-and-greet event with constituents. Six people died and a dozen others were wounded in the Jan. 8 attack in Tucson, Arizona. Since then, access to the Arizona congresswoman has been tightly controlled. Until Sunday, no clear images had been released. In late April, grainy

television footage showed her slowly ascending a flight of steps to a NASA plane that took her to Florida to join her astronaut husband before his shuttle launch into space. The image was so blurry that it was impossible to confirm it was Giffords until doctors did so at a news conference in mid-May. Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin said staff members released the photos Sunday to help satisfy "intense interest in the congresswoman's appearance." Because Giffords could be released later this month, her staff worried that her upcoming outpatient

treatment could expose her more to public settings and unwanted photography. "What we wanted to avoid was a paparazzi-like frenzy, and that's why the photos are being made public," Karamargin said. The professionally shot pictures were taken before Giffords underwent surgery to replace a piece of her skull that had been removed shortly after the shooting to allow her brain to swell. The images suggest the congresswoman is returning to her former appearance — though she still looks slightly different than before. □

Salazar not sure about 2nd term

Allison Sherry

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The Denver Post

WASHINGTON — Dusting off from his latest skirmish with Republicans in Congress — his decision to reverse course two weeks ago on a divisive wild-lands policy — U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar is noncommittal about serving a second term for President Barack Obama. "I'm not going to look that far into the future," Salazar told The Denver Post when asked whether he would continue to serve if Obama is re-elected

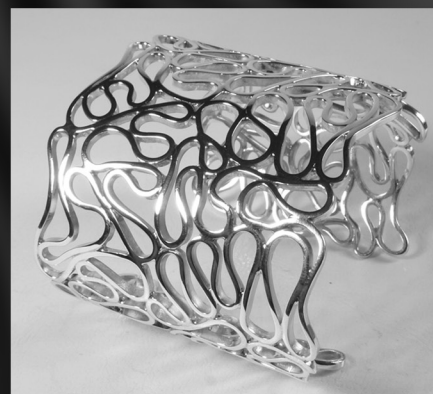
next year. "I'm working very hard on the job I have now ... to implement the vision the president has in energy security in the United States."

It has not been an easy 29 months for the former Democratic U.S. senator from Colorado.

Almost since Day One, he has pushed against 8-year-old policies from the Bush administration, making him a polemical — and deeply mistrusted — figure among Republicans, most of whom are Westerners or from states with significant oil and gas development. □



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Obama courting Puerto Ricans at home and abroad

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Cheering crowds in the steamy tropical heat are expected Tuesday when Pres-

ident Barack Obama makes a rare presidential visit to Puerto Rico. But the nearly 4 million U.S. citizens who live on the island and can't vote in the general election aren't really the point. Organizers are hoping this trip, the first in decades by a president to the U.S. Caribbean territory, will generate good will on the mainland, particularly in Florida, where the fast-growing Hispanic population will be essential to Obama's re-election effort in 2012.



Roberto Cruz of New York celebrates with Puerto Rico's flag at the Puerto Rican Day Parade Sunday, June 12, 2011 in New York. Cheering crowds in the steamy tropical heat are expected Tuesday, June 14, 2011, when President Barack Obama makes the first in decades by a president to the U.S. Caribbean territory.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

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territory, will generate good will on the mainland, particularly in Florida, where the fast-growing Hispanic population will be essential to Obama's re-election effort in 2012. "The past decade has witnessed a staggering growth in the Puerto Rican community," said Andres W. Lopez, a member of the Democratic Central Committee who helped organize the visit. "They have become the quintessential battleground community in the nation's battleground state." There are almost a million

more Puerto Ricans on the mainland than on the island. They long had been concentrated in the Northeast, but the 2010 census shows that Florida is in second place, with about 841,000, mostly in the Orlando area. These transplants tend to be younger and more educated than their counterparts in established communities in places such as Hartford, Connecticut, and New York. As more recent arrivals they also tend to have closer ties to family back home.

Democrats see the Puerto Ricans in Florida as a potential counterbalance to the larger, traditionally Republican Cuban-American community in a state Obama needs badly to win a second term.

That's where this trip comes in. "I am sure they will be happy about this," said Pedro Pierluisi, the island's nonvoting representative in Congress, who has been working to generate for support for Obama on the mainland. "We have lots of Puerto Ricans in central Florida and I know they keep close eyes on Puerto Rico." Reaching out to Puerto Ricans is part of a broader effort to court Hispanics, who accounted for more than half the U.S. population increase over the past decade and now number about 50 million. It's hardly a uniform community, but there are "shared issues" of concern that include support for education, and social services, said Louis DeSipio, a professor at the University of California, Irvine.

The number of people of Puerto Rican descent, the second largest Hispanic group in the U.S. after Mexicans, grew by 36 percent over the past decade to 4.6 million, according to the census. □

U.S. Briefs

US man kills 3 women, himself; no motive given

DURHAM, North Carolina (AP) — The Durham County sheriff says a man killed three women and himself in a car near a North Carolina business park. Durham County Sheriff Worth Hill told The News & Observer of Raleigh on Sunday that investigators have a theory on what led to the shootings early Saturday in Research Triangle Park near Durham but aren't ready to release it. Details were scarce.

Authorities identified the dead women as 23-year-old Alexandria Pierce, 24-year-old Amesha Page-Smith and 22-year-old Adrienne Stevens.

The gunman is 23-year-old Brinton Millsap. Investigators say all the women were shot several times.

A motorist found the bodies on N.C. Highway 54. Investigators say the three women were shot to death inside the car, while the man was found dead outside the vehicle. □

Palin emails show she sought VP nomination

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — There are no bombshells, no "gotcha" moments. The emails of Sarah Palin — more than 24,000 pages of them released Friday by the state of Alaska from her first two years as governor — paint a picture of an image-conscious, driven leader, closely involved with the day-to-day duties of running the state and riding herd on the signature issues of her administration. She angled for the vice presidential nomination months before John McCain picked her — and hinted at presidential aspirations.

The messages give a behind-the-scenes look at a politician who burst onto the national stage after serving as mayor of Wasilla, Alaska, less than two years as Alaska governor. They show a woman striving to balance work and home, fiercely protective of her family and highly sensitive to media coverage. □

Casey Anthony coverage boosts HLN image

For almost two decades, trials that tapped into American's judge-and-jury fascination unfolded in real time on Court TV, the cable channel that helped make television viewers into witnesses to the judicial system. Court TV is now a reality TV channel, and the cable news channels that used to follow courtroom cases exhaustively, like Fox News Channel and MSNBC, now prefer to put politicians on trial.

But filling the void, this year at least, is HLN, the unit of Time Warner that used to be called Headline News. In the same way that Court TV and CNN did during the O.J. Simpson trial in 1995, HLN has attached itself to the Casey Anthony murder trial, making it the new trial network of record.

The audience for HLN has more than doubled since the trial started May 24, prompting the channel to add more hours of coverage, led by Nancy Grace, outside the Orlando, Fla., courthouse. Anthony, 25, whom Grace mockingly calls "tot mom," stands accused of murdering her 2-year-old daughter Caylee in 2008. The state is pursuing the death penalty in the trial, which continues Monday. □

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The board of directors for Fundacion RESPETA BIDA....semper corda, which translates from Papiamentu to the RESPECT LIFE.... always remember Foundation, worked day and night to prepare for the unveiling of the foundation's first major project, a statue of Anne Frank. Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, from the Netherlands, is an award-winning human rights advocate, writer, lecturer, and environmental activist, and was instrumental in the reestablishment of Jewish communities in the Netherlands. He is the former President of the European Region of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, as well as the founder of numerous organizations that include the Day of Respect Foundation, the Hope for Children Fund and the Islam and the West Dialogue Group of the World Economic Forum. Due to his tireless work and in recognition of his accomplishments, Queen Beatrix honored Rabbi Soetendorp with the Royal Distinction as an Officer of the House of Orange in 1994.

Also visiting from the Netherlands will be Hans Westra, who held the positions of CEO and Director of the Anne Frank Foundation for 27 years, during which he turned the Anne Frank house into a professional organization, known around the world. Mr. Westra was born in 1945, and grew up in a non-Jewish home where he says that the



ther King, Jr., who followed in his father's footsteps to become a human rights advocate and community activist. King helped found the Estate



of Martin Luther King Jr. Inc., the company that manages the license of Martin Luther King Jr.'s image and intellectual property. He also served as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), a civil rights organization founded by his father. The first board of directors of the foundation consists of: Mrs. Diana Gonzalez-Pieters as president and Mr. Jose Fernandes Perna, vice-president; Mrs. Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein as secretary and Mr. Frank Williams, second secretary, Mrs. Shereen de Cuba as treasurer. □



50 Cent headed to Aruba for AIFF



PASEO HERENCIA - Aruba is ready for rapper, actor and multi-tiered business mogul Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson for the red carpet premiere of his latest feature film “Things Fall Apart.” The announcement was made by AIFF Founders and Producers Giuseppe Ciccarelli and Jonathan Vieira and Artist Director Claudio Masenza. The year’s Festival is taking place June 10-16, 2011.

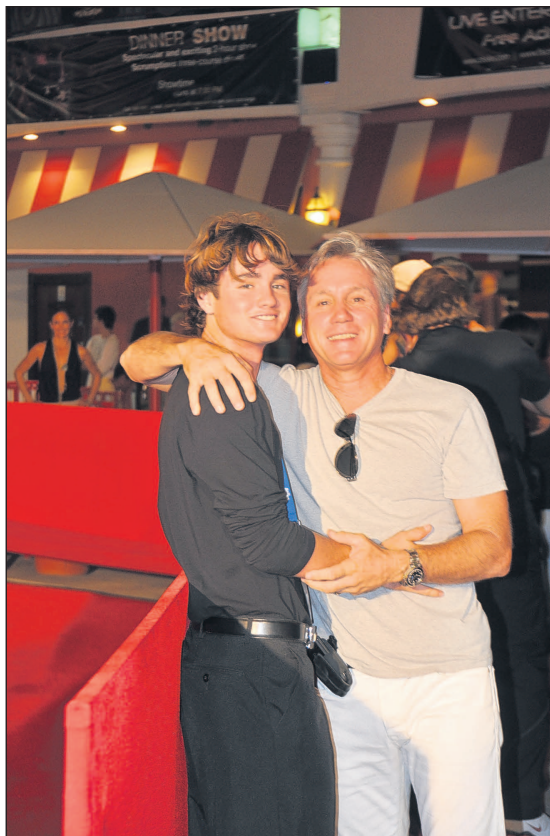
“Things Fall Apart” is scheduled to screen at 8pm on Tuesday, June 14th at the Paseo Herencia. 50 Cent will be on AIFF’s famed red carpet, which promises to be as star studded as last year, with actors and filmmakers from around the world descending on Aruba to take part in the Festival and interact with fans. The film is a touching and inspirational story about a man who loses everything, but gains the world. Director Mario Van Peebles (“Baadasssss!” “New Jack City”) stirs emotions and brings the story to life combining intense action with identifiably

heartwarming characters. An astonishingly emotional and heartfelt star turn from 50 Cent anchors the film, which he co-wrote with Grand Rapids-born filmmaker Brian A. Miller through his Cheetah Vision Films banner.

AIFF “stands to further global awareness for the Island of Aruba as a center of art, culture and creativity and serve as a platform to promote the understanding and appreciation for the art of cinema and filmmaking. With participants enjoying a relaxed Aruban ambiance and a casual interaction between filmmakers and audience.

The annual AIFF will bring people from around the world to view a wide selection of films, join in discussions and attend special parties and events.

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The Heritage Cup concludes its third round



Tierra del Sol -- Aruba's championship golf-course, Tierra Del Sol, hosted the third of five Heritage Cup by Boolchand's events, this past Saturday. The prizes for the winners of the five rounds are sponsored by Boolchand's in the form of oversize, stylish TW Steel watches. n Saturday, Aruba's gentle trade winds were not so gentle during the 3rd Heritage Cup round. Thus, at the end of three events, the Heritage Cup produced three different winners, making the final event one of the closest matches to watch. The winner with 39 stableford points was Rafael Gallardo, a golfer not seen on the leader board these past couple of events. He was able to subdue the winds and the golf course winning by one point over second, consecutive 2nd place finisher Ricky Quant who scored 38 points, placing Orlando Rasmijn in 3rd place with 37

points. Now leading the race, a non-event winner but showing consistency with two runner-up finishes, Ricky Quant, who collectively earned 900 Heritage Cup points, chased by Orlando Rasmijn with 612 points in the second place, and previous leader Jan Roeloffsvalk in third. While there still is one more event before the reset in points takes place in preparation for the final event, 15 golfers still have a good chance of overtaking one of the point leaders. "Anything can still happen, with 15 golfers sill in the running for the first position, and any of the participants is still capable of making it to the top 30 positions," says Adam Williamson, head golf pro at Tierra Del Sol Golf Course. Attending the cocktail reception at the end of the tournament, Boolchand's Island Director Ravee Nandwani, accompanied by his distinguished father. Mr.

Nandwani commented enthusiastically on the event and its current outcome, and expressed satisfaction with the players' competitive drive, eyeing the stylish and con-

temporary prizes, and looking forward to the photo finish at the end, as the Champion will be receiving the Heritage Cup and a TW Steel watch valued over \$900 The next event,

says Williamson, will be held on Saturday June 18th, with a 12:30pm shotgun start. Golfers are expected to sign-up via email to the Head Golf Professional Adam Williamson adam.williamson@tier-radelisol.com or by calling Tierra del Sol Pro Shop, tel.: 586-0978. This year's event enjoys the sponsorship of Boolchands with co-sponsors Buster's Garage, Amadeus, Café Rembrandt & Da Vinci Italian Restaurant. Pictured here winners of the nearest to the hole on #3 Ted Noble, winning a gift certificate for Ventanas del Mar, on #7 Carla Schipper, winning a gift certificate for Da Vinci, on #13 Randolph Ruiz, winning a gift certificate for Amadeus, on #15 Maurice DeLisle, winning a gift certificate for Body & Soul Spa and on #17 Steve Bowen, winning a gift certificate for Buster's Garage. □

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Monica Albisu exhibits in the Westin Aruba Art Gallery

PALM BEACH - Monica Albisu is a multi talented artist from Argentina, she was born in Bahia Blanca in the province of Buenos Aires and studied Law at the University of Cordoba. She has been involved in drawing, painting and music



ever since she was a small child. She studied classical and Spanish dance and performed with the Rivera Indarte Theatre in Cordoba. She is also a pianist and composer and created a record la-



bel. She studied plastic arts with several maestros such as Felipe Noe, Heriberto Zorrilla and Helena Distefano. However, she did put a diplomatic career in Cordoba in first place. As of 2007 she has held annual exhibits at the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires. In 2010 she exhibited in Argentina and Aruba.

In September of last year she delivered a piece of art at the Dutch Embassy in Argentina to be auctioned for a good cause and she delivered the work "Ensueños" to be handed over to Princess Maxima. She also created murals for the Hotel Guarani Splendor in Paraguay. □



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al-Qaida mastermind's death cheered by Somalis, Kenyans

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MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The killing of an al-Qaida mastermind who planned the devastating bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa drew praise on Sunday from Kenyans and Somalis, while Somalia's president showed documents linking the dead man to militants who are trying to topple his nation's fragile, U.N.-backed government.

Fazul Abdullah Mohammed eluded capture for 13 years and topped the FBI's most wanted list for planning the Aug. 7, 1998, U.S. Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. His death, reported Saturday by Somali officials, was the third major blow to al-Qaida in six weeks. The worldwide terror group was headed by Osama bin Laden until his death last month.

But Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed said Mohammed also posed a grave threat to Somalia, which has been ravaged by two decades of anarchy and conflict. Ahmed congratulated government soldiers for killing Mohammed on Tuesday at a Mogadishu security checkpoint. "His aim was to commit violence in and outside the country," Ahmed said, showing reporters documents and pictures he said government troops recovered from Mohammed.

Ahmed did not let reporters

check the documents, but he held up photos he said were of Mohammed's family and operational maps for the militants in Mogadishu.

Ahmed also held up a condolence letter he said Mohammed sent after bin Laden's death. He didn't say who it was addressed to, but said Mohammed co-authored the letter with a known Islamist leader in Somalia, Sheik Hassan Dahir Aweys.

Aweys, a veteran Islamist in Somalia since the 1990s, was the leader of the Hizbul Islam militant group that merged with al-Shabab last December. Aweys did not immediately return calls seeking comment. Lawmaker Abdirashid Sheik said Mohammed's death was good for Somalia.

"Somalis have every reason to be happy today because foreign elements within al-Shabab are the real obstacle to stability in Somalia," he said. "Foreigners' universal ideologies don't suit Somalia's local interest. We ask them to leave us alone. We can solve our own problems by ourselves." U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton also honored the victims of the bombings during a visit to the American compound in Tanzania.

She put flowers on a large rock just inside the main gate of the embassy, said a silent prayer and spoke with three Tanzanian employees who were at the embassy when it was bombed.



Somali President Sharif Sheik Ahmed, right, appears before the media at the Presidential Palace in Mogadishu, Sunday June 12, 2011, as he confirms the killing of Al-Qaida fighter Fazul Abdullah Mohamed by Somali government soldiers on Tuesday. Fazul Abdullah Mohammed is the alleged mastermind who planned the attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Kenya and Tanzania, 13-years ago. Fazul had a US \$ 5-million bounty on his head.

(AP Photo/Farah Abdi Warsameh)

Clinton told embassy workers that the U.S. has not forgotten its pledge "to seek justice against those who would commit such atrocities."

She added: "Last month al-Qaida suffered a major setback with the death of Osama bin Laden and yesterday we received news of another significant blow."

The attacks in Tanzania and Kenya killed 224 people. Most of the dead were Kenyans. Twelve Americans died. One of the survivors, Douglas Sidialo, was blinded by the bombing in Kenya's capital of Nairobi. "God the creator has delivered Fazul Abdullah Mohammed to his destiny the same way he delivered bin Laden to his destiny," he said. □

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Clinton honors those killed in 1998 embassy bombings

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DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Sunday honored those killed in the bombings of the U.S. embassies here and in Kenya in 1998, a day after the authorities confirmed the death of the feared al-Qaida operative who masterminded the attacks.

"We have not forgotten your losses," Clinton told diplomats and employees at the embassy here, built after the attacks, which killed more than 200 people, including 12 Americans. She spoke after laying flowers in front of a stone memorial for the dead, accompanied by three Tanzanians who survived the bombing of the embassy here.

"And we have also not forgotten our pledge to seek justice against those who would commit such atrocities," Clinton said. The mastermind of the bombings, Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, al-Qaida's leader in East Africa, was killed in a late-night shootout Tuesday at a military checkpoint in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital. Somali and U.S. officials confirmed his identity Saturday, as Clinton arrived in Tanzania on a visit intended

to highlight American aid programs and the progress she said the country had made.

Mohammed, also known by U.S. authorities as Haroun Fazul, was indicted for his role in masterminding the bombings and remained one on the FBI's most wanted list, with a \$5 million bounty for information leading to his capture.

through DNA tests while suggesting that they were helped by U.S. intelligence officials. He was the third major al-Qaida figure killed in recent weeks, beginning with the death of Osama bin Laden in a U.S. raid in Pakistan last month. An American drone strike killed a senior operation commander for the group,



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Tanzania's Prime Minister Mzenge Pinda, plant plants at the Upendo Women's Cooperative in Mlandizi, Tanzania, Sunday, June 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, POOL)

Rather than being the target of a military operation, he appeared to have blundered into a checkpoint in a part of Mogadishu controlled by the government and was killed in a firefight.

Somali officials said his identity had been confirmed

Ilyas Kashmiri, in Pakistan this month.

"I know nothing can replace those who have been taken from us by such senseless violence," Clinton said, "but I know justice was served and I hope that can give you some measure of comfort." □

Chinese street vendor dispute expands into violent melee

MICHAEL WINES

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BEIJING — Authorities in a town near the large southern metropolis of Guangzhou arrested 25 people after a dispute between street vendors and security guards expanded into a confrontation with bottle-and-brick throwing onlookers, state news agencies reported Sunday.

The protest, in Xintang in south coastal China, is the latest in a series of violent protests that have struck Chinese cities in recent days. At least 1,000 riot police officers were patrolling the streets of Lichuan, in Hubei province, after days of unusually large protests over the death of a local legislator while in police custody. In China's Inner Mongolia region, ethnic Mongolians clashed with security officers last week in protests over the death of a Mongolian who had been run over by a vehicle driven by an ethnic Han. Chinese authorities recorded 127,000 "mass incidents" last year, but most are too small to gain wide notice.

The Xintang protest apparently sprang from a dispute Saturday night between security officers and two migrant street vendors in an industrial area filled with garment factories, The Associated Press reported. Onlookers, many of

them also migrant workers, apparently sided with the vendors, and photos posted on the popular Sina Weibo service, a Chinese version of Twitter, showed police cars overturned on the streets. In Lichuan, a city of about 850,000, about 2,000 demonstrators stormed the city government headquarters Saturday protesting the death of a legislator, a member of the local People's Congress, who had been investigating allegations of corruption in a city-backed land deal. The legislator, Ran Jianxin, 49, was reported to have been under interrogation by police or prosecutors when he died June 4. Ran had been arrested May 26 on bribery charges, which his family contends were concocted in an attempt to silence his anti-corruption investigation.

Xinhua, China's official news agency, quoted a cousin as saying that his body bore signs of an "unnatural death."

Photographs posted online that purport to show his bloodied corpse triggered a large demonstration Thursday by crowds throwing eggs, bottles and garbage at city buildings. The protest drew a large contingent of the paramilitary People's Armed Police and columns of armored vehicles to the scene. □

World Briefs

New blog entry asserts gay Syrian was a hoax

CAIRO (AP) — A new entry Sunday in a blog purportedly by a lesbian Syrian-American living in Damascus asserts that the entire four-month saga was a hoax, days after posting that the woman had been arrested. The post is signed by "Tom MacMaster" in Istanbul, Turkey. In it, the author says the narrative was fictional but insists it "created an important voice for issues I feel strongly about." It says the author never expected so much attention. On Tuesday, a blog post at the same site supposedly written by the woman's cousin said she had been detained in Damascus after weeks on the run. The story unraveled quickly and there were no traces of the woman or her family in the United States. □

Palestinian Fatah dismisses powerful official

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has booted a once-powerful official from his Fatah movement. Abbas announced Sunday that Fatah's central committee has dismissed Mohammed Dahlan. The statement referred to "criminal, financial and other charges" made against Dahlan by an investigative committee. The move marks another stage in the fall of Dahlan, once the powerful security chief in Gaza, a Western darling and a potential successor to Abbas.

Dahlan lost Gaza to Hamas forces in 2007 and has been dogged by allegations of corruption.

After Dahlan began vocally criticizing Abbas, the president had his loyalists arrested and shut down his TV station. Palestinian critics said the moves reflected intolerance for dissent in the Palestinian Authority. □

Chileans living near volcano urged to stay away

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chilean officials ordered most residents already evacuated from homes near an erupting volcano to stay in shelters and with family and friends Sunday due to the threat of deadly landslides. The ash spread across the Pacific, prompting authorities to suspend flights in Australia and New Zealand. The Cordon Caulle volcano's activity had diminished, but there was still a threat of deadly landslides containing mud and water as well as rocks and ash thrown from the volcano, Chile's National Geology and Mines Service said in a statement. About 4,000 Chileans have been evacuated since the volcano began erupting June 4. Thousands of passengers in Australia and New Zealand were affected Sunday as the ash cloud approached the two countries. □

Monaco's royal couple-to-be thinking baby

PARIS (AP) — Prince Albert II of Monaco and his bride-to-be Charlene Wittstock say in an interview published in France they're looking to become parents soon after they tie the knot next month.

The blond, 33-year-old South African has told France's Journal Du Dimanche weekly that "starting a family is in our plans" and "we hope to have a child soon." Albert — a 53-year-old longtime bachelor — said in the paper's interview with the couple published Sunday that "When you talk about a baby, you are looking at me. But I won't be carrying it." The pair are expected to take their vows in a civil marriage on the tiny Mediterranean principality known for gambling, wealth and glitterati on July 1, followed by a religious ceremony a day later in the palace courtyard. □

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After mutiny, Syria's army seizes back restive town

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By early afternoon, the sounds of battle faded. The army was in control.

Sunday's developments, and

unarmed residents. Their fate was unknown late Sunday, but the government reported three deaths in the fighting — one of its own soldiers and two unidentified men whose bod-



Syrians, displaced by fighting, protest against President Bashar Assad of Syria near the town of Khirbet al-Jouz, along the Syrian-Turkish border, Syria, June 12, 2011. Syrian army troops stormed the northern town of Jisr al-Shoughour on Sunday, after a bombardment that left much of the surrounding countryside in ruin and sent refugees fleeing to the nearby Turkish border.

(Daniel Etter/The New York Times)

actions by opponents of the Syrian government, marked a major departure from what had been a largely peaceful protest movement.

Among them: the discovery of a mass grave filled with uniformed bodies and the increasing willingness of mutineers and outgunned residents to fight back. President Bashar Assad's response in Jisr al-Shughour, the first town to spin out of government control since the uprising began in mid-March, mirrored his father's 1980 assault there. It was a clear message to anyone contemplating defiance. Syrians who were among thousands to flee for the nearby Turkish border said about 60 mutineers were defending the town alongside some 200

ies were shown to reporters. "The Syrian army is fighting itself," said Muhieddine Lathkani, a London-based Syrian writer and intellectual. "The army's response was strong because they did not want the mutiny to become larger." Neighboring Turkey, about 12 miles (20 kilometers) away, has given sanctuary to more than 5,000 fleeing Syrians, nearly all of them in the past few days from Idlib province. Turkey's prime minister has accused the Assad regime of "savagery." Arab governments, which were unusually supportive of NATO intervention in Libya, have been silent in the face of Syria's crackdown, fearing that the alternative to Assad would be chaos. □

Libya's rebels claim resurgence; government denies charges

HADEEL AL-SHALCHI
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MISRATA, Libya (AP) —

From the east and west, working with NATO air strikes, resurgent rebels battled Libyan government forces on Sunday at flashpoints along the Mediterranean coast, rebel commanders reported. The government said their victory claims were "wishful reporting."

Insurgents had reported fighting street by street to retake the Mediterranean port city of Zawiya, 18 miles (30 kilometers) west of Tripoli, a prize that would put them within striking distance of the capital and cut off one of Moammar Gadhafi's last supply routes from Tunisia.

But government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim said late Sunday Gadhafi forces had driven off the attackers, and reporters taken to Zawiya saw secure streets and the green national flag flying over a central square.

The insurgents, for their part, claimed a high-ranking Gadhafi commander was badly wounded in the fighting. "The wishful reporting of some journalists that the rebels are gaining more power and more control of some areas is not correct," he said. The rebel thrust at Zawiya and reported movements farther east — near Misrata and Brega — suggested the stalemated uprising had been reinvigorated, and that Gadhafi's defenders may become stretched thin.

"Over the past three days, we set fire under the feet of Gadhafi forces everywhere," Col. Hamid al-Hasi, a rebel battal-

stepped up bombing of Gadhafi's compound in the center of Tripoli, striking it again on Sunday, along with a military



Libyan medics treat a lightly injured rebel fighter, center, at a field hospital after heavy fighting with pro-Gadhafi forces on the frontline of Dafniya, west Misrata, Libya, Sunday, June 12, 2011. Gadhafi forces are fighting hard to keep rebels bottled up in the city and to prevent a breakout toward Tripoli. Government troops are using tanks, artillery and incendiary rockets against rebel forces massed in Dafniya, about 18 miles (30 kilometers) west of Misrata.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

ion commander, told The Associated Press.

He said the rebels attacked "in very good coordination with NATO" to avoid friendly-fire incidents. "We don't move unless we have very clear instructions from NATO."

In addition, the NATO blockade of ports still under government control and alliance control of Libyan airspace have severely crimped the North African dictator's ability to resupply his forces.

And his control has been hard hit by defections from his military and government inner circle.

NATO, meanwhile, has

airport in eastern Tripoli. The government did not immediately report casualties or damage.

The rebels' Transitional National Council scored a political success, meanwhile, winning recognition from the United Arab Emirates, adding a wealthy, influential Arab state to the handful of nations thus far accepting the insurgents as Libyans' sole legitimate representatives.

The rebels had first taken Zawiya, an important oil port, in early March but were driven out by a government counter-attack two weeks later. □

In 2011, NATO faces growing identity crisis

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Created as a bulwark against Soviet expansion, NATO is facing an identity crisis as its members grapple with just how much its long and often-unpopular mission in Afghanistan and its new air campaign in Libya size up as national interests — or not — when many countries' budgets are under strain.

In an unusually blunt parting speech Friday, outgoing U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates called on the Atlantic allies of the U.S. to pay and do more to overcome the alliance's military shortcomings — raising the question: What is NATO today, and what does it need to be?

The allies will be doing some soul-searching in the coming months, with Osama bin Laden dead, many European state coffers squeezed by high debt and slow economic growth, the U.S. drawdown in Afghanistan about to start and tough questions about how long its air campaign over Libya could last.

The alliance has grappled with diverging internal views over whether NATO should be an instrument of "hard" combat missions — generally the U.S. view — or the pref-

erence among some in Europe for "soft" power, like "humanitarian, development, peace-keeping, and talking tasks," as Gates put it.

Ever since the Berlin Wall fell, NATO's raison d'être has been questioned. Now, with its hands in two military big campaigns in Afghanistan and Libya, the doubts about the al-

liance's future have hit a new crescendo.

Gates pointed to the "real possibility of collective military irrelevance" and called on members to look at new ways of raising combat capabilities in procurement, training, logistics and sustainment.

Richard Clarke, a NATO watcher and director of the

Royal United Services Institute in Britain, said the U.S. still needs NATO as a political conduit to Europe — but admitted the alliance is struggling militarily.

"There's no doubt that militarily, NATO is approaching something of a crossroads — it's been approaching this crossroads for some time," he

threshold where they can be effective."

Founded in 1949, NATO was aimed to counter the Red Menace of Stalin's Soviet Union. While that threat is long gone, Gates and others say some of the alliance's 28 member states — all European except for Canada and the U.S. — remain too comfortable under Washington's security umbrella.

Gates said the U.S. share of NATO defense spending is now more than 75 percent, and just four other members — Britain, France, Greece and Albania — spend more than the agreed 2 percent of economic output on defense.

The former Soviet specialist all but thumped his shoe on the table at Friday's NATO meeting in Brussels, saying its future appeared "dim if not dismal" because of Europe's alleged penny-pitching and aversion to combat.

As U.S. military expenditures rose — notably under President George W. Bush — its share of NATO defense spending swelled. Gates cited an estimate that Europe's defense spending fell 15 percent since 2001.

Jan Oberg, a director of the Transnational Foundation, a think tank in Sweden, said the strains are of Washington's own making: by devoting too much money to defense — or roughly 45 percent of the total \$1.7 trillion spent worldwide each year. □



A protester sits behind the banner with NATO sign, during a protest against the NATO annual conference scheduled to be held in Belgrade June 13-15, on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Many Serbs resent NATO because of the Alliance's bombing in 1999 over Kosovo.

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said. Gates, he said, expressed publicly what was long said private: "that NATO's capabilities risk falling below a

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Wang: 'Snow Flower' not a 'Joy Luck Club' rehash

MIN LEE

AP Entertainment Writer
SHANGHAI (AP) — Wayne Wang's 1993 adaptation of the Amy Tan novel "The Joy Luck Club" put the Chinese-American filmmaker on the map in Hollywood by turning an Asian family drama into an American box office success story.

Thirteen years later, Wang is about to release another film with shades of his career-making movie. Like "Joy Luck Club," "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" explores the past and present of Chinese women. "Snow Flower" is also based on the work of a Chinese-American writer, this time Lisa See's novel of the same name. "Snow Flower" also marks Wang's reunion with "Joy Luck Club" actress Vivian Wu, a Shanghai native. Oscar-winning screenwriter Ronald Bass, who co-wrote the "Joy Luck Club" screenplay with Tan, also worked on the script for "Snow Flower." But promoting "Snow Flower" on the sidelines of the Shanghai International Film Festival on Sunday, Wang said the similarities end there. "I think it's very different from 'Joy Luck Club.' I don't want to make another movie

like 'Joy Luck Club.' 'Joy Luck Club' is about mother-daughter relationships. This is the story of two female friends," Wang said.

Starring Chinese actress Li Bingbing and South Korea's Jeon Ji-hyun with a cameo from Hugh Jackman, "Snow Flower" explores the friendship between two Chinese women in the 1800s and the friendship between two of their descendants.

While Wang is eager to move on from "The Joy Luck Club," Wu called it a classic that still brings her to tears. The movie version explores the pasts of four Chinese immigrants and their relationships with their American daughters.

"Even now, when I see it on TV I will sit down and watch the entire film and still cry," Wu said.

While Wang, whose credits also include "Smoke" and "Anywhere But Here," has a history of sourcing material from Chinese-American writers — he also adapted Li Yiyun's stories "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers" and "The Princess of Nebraska" — the "Snow Flower" adaptation did not originate with him.

Wendi Deng Murdoch, the



South Korean actress Gianna Jun, left, and Chinese actress Li Bingbing, right, pose for the photographers during a press conference of a film "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" as part of the 14th Shanghai International Film Festival Sunday in Shanghai, China.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

Chinese-born wife of media mogul Rupert Murdoch, bought the rights and helped secure its mostly Chinese funding. Fox Searchlight Pictures, a unit of Murdoch's News Corp., is releasing the movie in the U.S. on July 15. Mixing Chinese and English dialogue, the film was shot in China and will be released there on June 24.

"I read the book four years

ago and really liked it," Wendi Murdoch said. "I really identified with it. Even though the story is about two Chinese women, it is about the friendship of two women and how they overcame different difficulties and different situations in life. Even though this story happened in China, this kind of story happens in every country, every race, so it is a universal theme."

Wang said the book "is about the very intense relationship between two women in a male-dominated society. It's a very rare story." He said the language barrier between Li and Jeon produced unexpected on-screen chemistry because they focused on body language instead. "Actors often focus too much on dialogue but dialogue is only a small part of the equation. □

When food kills



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The deaths of 31 people in Europe from a little-known strain of E. coli have raised alarms worldwide, but we shouldn't be surprised. Our food often betrays us.

Just a few days ago, a 2-year-old girl in Dryden, Va., died in a hospital after suffering bloody diarrhea linked to another strain of E. coli. Her brother was also hospitalized but survived. Every year in the United States, 325,000 people are hospitalized because of food-borne illnesses and 5,000 die, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's right: food kills one person every two hours. Yet while the terrorist attacks of 2001 led us to transform the way we approach national security, the deaths of almost twice as many people annually have still not generated basic food-safety initiatives. We have an industrial farming system that is a marvel for producing cheap food, but its lobbyists block initiatives to make food safer. Perhaps the most disgraceful aspect of our agricultural system — I say this as an Oregon farmboy who once raised sheep, cattle and hogs — is the way antibiotics are recklessly stuffed into healthy animals to make them grow faster.

The Food and Drug Administration reported recently that 80 percent of antibiotics in the United States go to livestock, not humans. And 90 percent of the livestock antibiotics are administered in their food or water, typically to healthy animals to keep them from getting sick when they are con-

finied in squalid and crowded conditions.

The single state of North Carolina uses more antibiotics for livestock than the entire United States uses for humans.

This cavalier use of low-level antibiotics creates a perfect breeding ground for antibiotic-resistant pathogens. The upshot is that ailments can become pretty much untreatable.

The Infectious Diseases Society of America, a professional organization of doctors, cites the case of Josh Nahum, a 27-year-old skydiving instructor in Colorado. He developed a fever from bacteria that would not respond to medication. The infection spread and caused tremendous pressure in his skull. Some of his brain was pushed into his spinal column, paralyzing him. He became a quadriplegic depending on a ventilator to breathe. Then, a couple of weeks later, he died. There's no reason to link Nahum's case specifically to agricultural overuse, for antibiotic resistance has multiple causes that are difficult to unravel. Doctors overprescribe them. Patients misuse them. But looking at numbers, by far the biggest element of overuse is agriculture.

We would never think of trying to keep our children healthy by adding antibiotics to school water fountains, because we know this would breed antibiotic-resistant bacteria. It's unconscionable that Big Ag does something similar for livestock.

Louise Slaughter, the only microbiologist in the U.S. House of Representatives, has been fighting a lonely battle to curb this practice — but industrial agricultural interests have always blocked her legislation. "These statistics tell the tale of an industry that is rampantly misusing antibiotics in an attempt to cover up filthy, unsanitary living conditions among animals," Slaughter said. "As they feed antibiotics to animals to keep them healthy, they are making our families sicker by spreading these deadly strains of bacteria." □



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WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich used to get in trouble for cheating on wives and dumping them. Now he's notorious for being uxorious. At a moment when powerful men are self-destructing by betraying their wives, Gingrich is self-destructing by honoring his. The Georgian bomb-thrower's whole career was about blowing stuff up, and suddenly, in the most spectacular conflagration of all, he has blown up his own presidential campaign. Not even at the height of Watergate did we see such a mass resignation as the one this past week with Gingrich's campaign. He lost two dozen disgruntled aides and his entire Iowa operation. And it was all because he loved not wisely, but too well. Only a month after he announced his

Newt loves Callista

bid for the White House, Gingrich deserted the trail for a different odyssey: a two-week vacation, including a Greek cruise, with his Greek-named wife. Callista, meaning "most beautiful," is derived from Callisto — in Greek mythology, an Arcadian nymph who metamorphoses into a she-bear. And, indeed, that is how the candidate's staff saw his lacquered blond wife. As Jeff Zeleny and Trip Gabriel reported in The Times, Gingrich advisers begged him not to go on the idyll in the isles of Rhodes and Mykonos. But Gingrich, perhaps needing a sea change after learning that diamonds are not always a girl's best friend, wanted the vacation. "We have a spouse who controls the schedule," an aide grouched. The 67-year-old Gingrich, who preached the gospel of frugality when he was House speaker, spent lavishly on Tiffany diamond jewelry for his 45-year-old wife. He continued profligate spending in the fledgling campaign, ponying up \$40,000 on a chartered jet for an Iowa swing, even though traditional donors were refusing to support his run. As everything

crashed Icarus-style, Gingrich rationalized that he had needed to cruise the Aegean to "get away and think." He said he was writing policy speeches while sailing, which is believable. He prides himself, after all, on being a man of ideas. It is rarely mentioned that the ideas are mostly chuckle-headed. This was the nub of the conflict with his staff: He wanted to talk about his ideas. They wanted him to shut up and campaign. Gingrich's reputation as an intellectual, taken as an article of faith in Republican circles and much of the news media, is nuts. He is far more famous for his emotional bursts — from pouting and shutting down the government after he was seated in the back of Air Force One away from his man-crush Bill Clinton, to dismissing Paul Ryan's proposal to privatize Medicare as "social engineering" — than his intellectual bursts. His staff confronted him last week, telling him he had to start focusing on the unglamorous parts of campaigning and stop spending his time promoting documentaries that he makes and hosts with his wife. □

Gordon now tied for 3rd in career wins

Jeff Gordon does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Long Pond, Pa.

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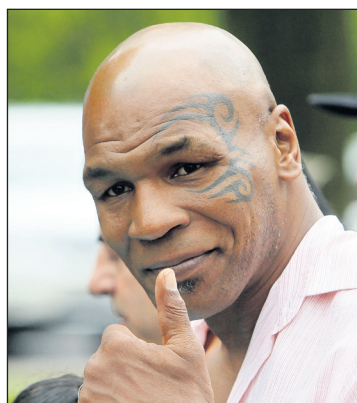
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Inductee Mike Tyson gives a thumbs-up during the Boxing Hall of Fame parade in Canastota, N.Y., on Sunday, June 12, 2011.

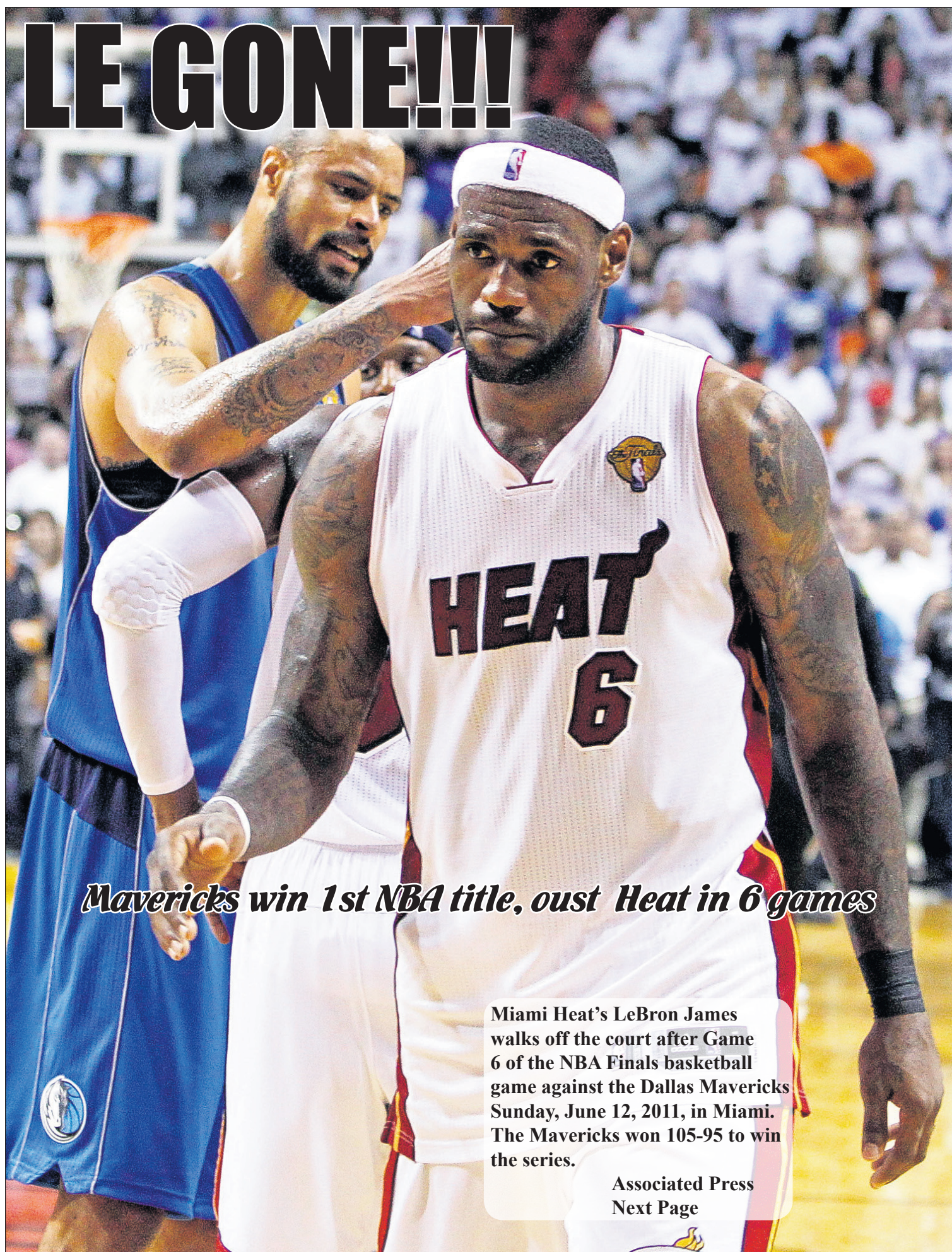
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Tyson, Chavez, Stallone enter Boxing Hall

JOHN AP Sports **KEKIS Writer**
CANASTOTA, New York (AP)—Mike Tyson, the once-proclaimed “baddest man on the planet,” was inducted into International Boxing Hall of Fame on Sunday along with actor Sylvester Stallone. Tyson was inducted for his reign as heavyweight champion of the world, Stallone for his “Rocky” movie series, and the fans turned out in droves on a rainy, overcast afternoon. Thousands packed every corner of the induction grounds, and Tyson was no match for the emotion of the moment. “I’ve got to be goofy about this or I’ll get emotional up here,” Tyson warned before trying to honor the late trainer Cus D’Amato, who became his legal guardian after Tyson’s mother died and taught him the finer points of boxing in a gym in Catskill, New York, just a 2½-hour drive from the Hall of Fame.

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Mavericks win 1st NBA title, oust Heat in 6 games

Miami Heat’s LeBron James walks off the court after Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Dallas Mavericks Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami. The Mavericks won 105-95 to win the series.

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Really Big D: Mavericks top Heat for NBA title

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — For Dirk Nowitzki, the resume is complete. He's an NBA champion.

For LeBron James, the agonizing wait continues for at least one more year.

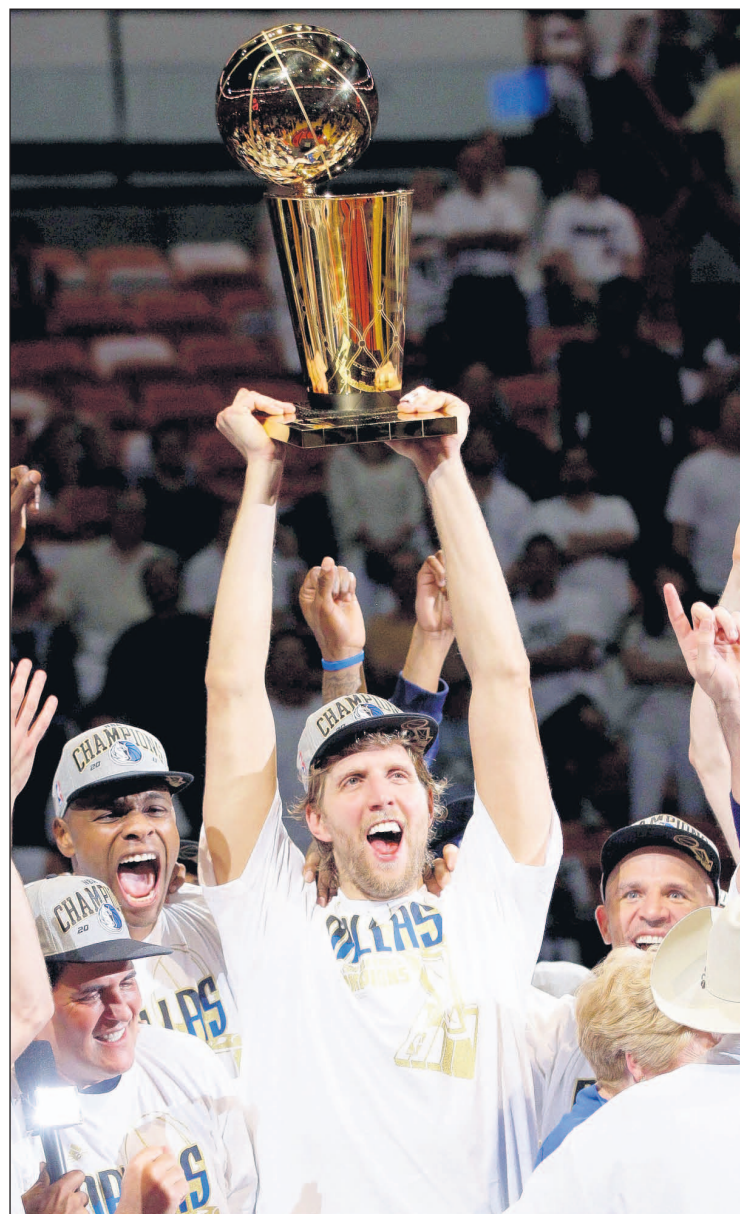
Avenging what happened five years ago in perfect turnabout style, the Dallas Mavericks won their first NBA title by winning Game 6 of these finals in Miami 105-95 on Sunday night — celebrating on the Heat's home floor, just as Dwyane Wade and his team did to them in the 2006 title series.

Jason Terry scored 27 points, Nowitzki added 21 and the Mavericks topped the Miami Heat 105-95 in Game 6 of the NBA finals on Sunday night. The Mavericks won four of the series' last five games, a turnabout that could not have been sweeter after seeing the Heat celebrate their first title in Dallas after Game 6 of the 2006 finals.

"Tonight," Terry said, "we got vindication."

James did not. Not even close, and a year unlike any other ended they way they all have so far — with him still waiting for an NBA title.

He scored 21 points for Mi-



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki holds up the championship trophy after Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Miami Heat Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Miami. The Mavericks won 105-95 to win the series.

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Yani Tseng wins State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (AP) — Top-ranked Yani Tseng of Taiwan closed with a 4-under 68 to win the State Farm Classic on Sunday, handing Cristie Kerr her third straight second-place finish.

Tseng had a 21-under 267 total on the Panther Creek course for her seventh tour title in four years. She also won the season-opening LPGA Thailand this year.

"I just kept telling myself: 'Focus! Focus!'" said Tseng, who was bogey-free over the final two rounds. "I missed a couple of putts but I still was able to make some birdies."

Tseng bought retired Swedish star Annika Sorenstam's house — with its giant trophy

case — in Florida in 2009.

"I go back to my house and see all that empty space and I try to fill it up," Tseng said. "I want to put all my amateur trophies in there and get closer."

Kerr, the 2010 winner, finished three strokes back, shooting a 67.

"I played good. I just needed to get some of those putts to the hole, give 'em a chance to go in," Kerr said. "It would have been nice to make birdie on the last hole, but it didn't matter. She was too far ahead." Paula Creamer and Brittany Lincicome (70) were equal third at 16 under.

This could be the final State Farm Classic on the LPGA



Yani Tseng of Taiwan kisses the Bruce Callis trophy on the 18th green after winning the LPGA State Farm Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Springfield, Ill.

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Tour. The title sponsor, State Farm Insurance Companies, has declined to renew its commitment after this year and a replacement sponsor has yet to be found, putting the event in danger of folding. □

ami, shook a few hands afterward, and departed before most of the Mavs tugged on their championship hats and T-shirts. Chris Bosh had 19, Mario Chalmers 18 and Dwyane Wade 17 for the Heat.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle joined a highly elite group, those with NBA titles as both a player and a head coach. Only 10 other men are on that list, including the presumably retired-for-good Phil Jackson, one of Carlisle's mentors in K.C. Jones, and Heat President Pat Riley — who led Miami past Dallas in 2006, and was the mastermind of what the Heat did last summer by getting James, Wade and Bosh on the same team with an eye on becoming a dynasty. It might still happen, of course.

But even after 72 wins this season, including playoffs, the Heat lost the last game. And that means this year was a disappointment — except to just about everyone else in the NBA, or so it would seem. Hating the Heat became the NBA's craze this season, and the team knew it had no shortage of critics, everyone from Cleveland (where "Cavs for Mavs" shirts were popular during these finals) to Chicago (the city James and Wade both flirted with last summer) and just about every place in between lining up to take shots at Miami.

Given their newfound popularity, meet the new America's Team.

Sorry, Cowboys — your long-held moniker might have to be ceded to your city's NBA club. When it was over, Mavs owner Mark Cuban ran onto the court to hug Carlisle, then punched the air and whooped. Dallas took control in the second half after some wild back-and-forths in the opening two quarters. Miami took its last lead of the game — the season — just 64 seconds into the second half, lost it 16 seconds later and chased the Mavericks the rest of the way. They never caught them.

Jason Kidd, at 38 years old, got his first championship. Nowitzki got his at 32, Terry at 33. They were featured on

the video screen in their building in Dallas during this series on what seemed like a constant loop, each posing with the NBA trophy and looking longingly at it, standing mere inches from it, as if to say "so close, yet so far away."

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Nowitzki sealed it with 2:27 left, hitting a jumper near the Miami bench to put Dallas up 99-89, and some fans actually began leaving. Nowitzki walked to the Mavs' side slowly, right fist clenched and aloft.

He knew it. Everyone did. Heat coach Erik Spoelstra implored his team to foul in the final minute, and even then, they couldn't catch the Mavericks.

"All those unique individual stories is what propelled us to this victory," Terry said.

Dallas expected a big early push from Miami, and the Mavs' suspicions were proved correct. James made his first four shots, and the Heat raced out to a 20-11 lead.

It was erased — and then some — quickly, as soon as Dallas went to the zone defense that befuddled Miami again.

Dallas needed 5 1/2 minutes to rip off a 21-4 run, making 9 of 12 shots during the stretch. And much of that came with Nowitzki on the bench with two fouls, the first time he's been whistled for more than one in the opening quarter of a playoff game this season.

The Mavs were off and running. DeShawn Stevenson made a pair of 3-pointers within a span of 24 seconds to give Dallas a 40-28 lead with 9:42 left in the half. Dallas turned Miami's first six turnovers into 14 points, and the hundreds of blue-clad Mavs fans stood and roared, with Cuban waving his arms as if to lead the cheers from behind his team's bench.

Things turned quickly and got heated for good measure.

Miami scored the next 14 points to reclaim the lead at 42-40, a streak snapped only after Stevenson, Udonis Haslem and Chalmers got technicals with 6:25 left in the half. □

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Frazar wins 1st PGA Tour title in 355th try

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Harrison Frazar won his first PGA Tour title in his 355th tournament, beating Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday at the St. Jude Classic.

Frazar won a month before turning 40 when Karlsson pushed a par-saving putt 3 feet past the hole.

Now he has the biggest paycheck of his career, taking home \$1,008,000 after missing a chance to win on the 72nd hole when he made his first bogey of the day. He shot a 3-under 67 to match Karlsson (68) at 13 under.

"I never thought it would happen to be honest with you," Frazar said moments after his victory.

Frazar became the seventh first-time winner on tour this year and the first to win his

first title in Memphis since Dicky Pride in 1994.

Karlsson led after the second and third rounds, and he has shot below par on his past eight rounds here. Now the Swede has lost in a playoff at the TPC Southwind course for a second straight year.

Camilo Villegas (64) tied for third with Tim Herron, Ryuji Imada, Charles Howell and Retief Goosen. Lee Westwood, the defending champion here, finished tied for 11th. Frazar had been thinking of quitting.

He turns 40 on July 29, misses his family back in Texas, and is playing this year on a major medical exemption after separate surgeries on his hip and shoulder last summer. He came into Memphis having made four of nine cuts, though he just qualified for the upcoming U.S. Open at Congressional.

"It's pretty cool," Frazar said.



Harrison Frazar kisses the championship trophy after winning the St. Jude Classic golf tournament Sunday, June 12, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. Frazar beat Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff to win his first PGA Tour title.

This final round turned into a two-man playoff almost from the opening hole with no one closer than three strokes early, a margin that expanded to six. Frazar kept catching Karlsson atop the leaderboard, finally

second shot landed near the green and dribbled into the water.

Karlsson stroked in an 8-foot par putt to set up his second straight playoff in Memphis.

In the playoff, Frazar had a 17-footer for birdie and the win on the first hole at No. 18 where he had just bogeyed. But he pushed his putt a foot past.

Karlsson had an 18-foot birdie putt for the win on the par-3 11th only to just miss right, while Frazar two-putted from 45 feet.

Frazar had a nice drive on the third hole, the par-4 12th, that left him 93 yards to the pin. He hit his approach to 22 feet and two-putted.

Karlsson had to chip onto the green, and the ball sped past 11 feet past the hole. Needing to hole out to extend the playoff, Karlsson missed his par putt left. □

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getting the lead to himself when Karlsson bogeyed No. 17 after yanking a 3-wood way left off the tee. Frazar promptly gave the stroke back on the 72nd hole when his

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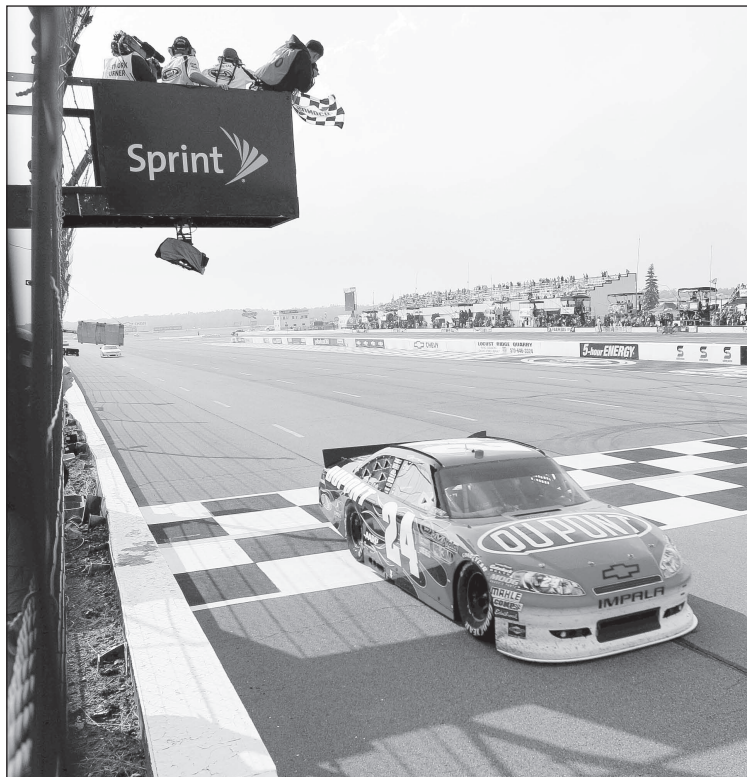
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Jeff Gordon wins for fifth time at Pocono



Jeff Gordon crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race in Long Pond, Pa., Sunday, June 12, 2011.

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DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pennsylvania (AP) — Jeff Gordon moved into a tie for third on NASCAR's Sprint Cup career victories list, winning for the 84th time when he took the checkered flag Sunday at Pocono

Raceway.

Gordon led most of the final 40 laps and won for the second time this season. His 84 wins tie him with Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip for most in NASCAR history. Richard Petty leads with 200 wins and David Pearson is second with

105.

Gordon won in February at Phoenix International Raceway and has multiple victories in a season for the first time since 2007. Gordon tied Bill Elliott with five wins on the 2½-mile triangle track.

Gordon's victory at Phoenix ended his drought at 66 races without a win. This 11-race winless stretch was just a blip compared to that.

"When you see what he's done in his career, not just this decade, not just in the 2000's, but all the way back to the '90s, he's a true legend in this sport," Kurt Busch said.

Busch, the polesitter, was second and Kyle Busch third.

Kyle's Busch fun was short-lived. NASCAR announced his No. 18 Toyota failed post-race inspection with a height issue on the left-front end. His car will be taken to NASCAR's research and development center.

Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick rounded out the top five. Dale Earnhardt Jr. continued his rebirth with a sixth-place finish. It capped a great day for Hendrick Motorsports — first, fourth and sixth.

Gordon, the four-time Cup champion, first won at Pocono

in 1996. He won again in 1997 and 1998, then waited until 2007 to reach Victory Lane again.

This win was a bit more special for Gordon, who turns 40 in August. His first order of business once he hopped out of the car was a kiss from his daughter, Ella.

Team owner Rick Hendrick's offseason decision to shake up his organization has proved an early success. Gordon and crew chief Alan Gustafson have the No. 24 Chevrolet in fantastic shape for a spot in the Chase for the championship.

"I feel a lot better about it, that's for darn sure," Gordon said.

Gordon entered the race having led a record 918 laps at Pocono Raceway. He added 39 to the total Sunday.

Some of the early contenders fell off. Denny Hamlin, who led early and has four wins here, ran into tire woes and dropped back to 19th. Carl Edwards lost his grip on the points lead — his 40-point lead was sliced to six — when a bad engine knocked him out early. He finished 37th.

Once those two were out of contention, the 500-mile race

belonged to Gordon. The Busch brothers tried to catch him, but just didn't have enough in the end.

"I'm giving it all I've got and I just can't close the gap," Kurt Busch said.

Wins have been harder to get for Gordon as his career stretches into its 20th season. He hit double-digits three straight seasons (1996-98), but had winless seasons in 2008 and 2010.

"It's harder and harder to win in this day and age," Kyle Busch. "We see it every year." Gordon hit a rough patch after his Phoenix victory — including a 36th at Las Vegas and a 39th at Richmond — but a change in the Chase format this year put an added emphasis on wins. That stamps Gordon as a contender for that fifth title — the same number as Johnson.

"A lot of hard work has gone into this," Gordon said.

Gordon was behind the wheel this week for the 2-hour drive from his New York City apartment to the Poconos.

He said he loves it any time he can get himself to the track.

No doubt, he loves it even more when he can park in Victory Lane. □



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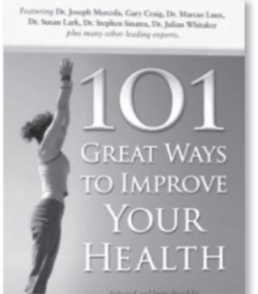
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D'Amato died in 1985, the year before the hard-punching Tyson knocked out WBC champion Trevor Berbick in the second round to become the youngest heavyweight champ in history at age 20. "All this stuff started when I met Cus, and Bobby Stewart (a social worker and boxing fan who introduced Tyson to D'Amato)," Tyson said. "I was in reform school because I was always robbing people. "All my life I watched these guys. I look at them different," Tyson said as he looked around at a dais that included hometown heroes Carmen Basilio and Billy Backus, Jake LaMotta, Leon Spinks, George Chuvalo, and Marvin Hagler, among others. "Why would I want to be like these guys I always say." Tyson paused briefly — the crowd erupted in "Come on Mike!" — and then he tried in vain to continue. "Oh, man," Tyson said. "I have to take my time with this because there's other guys up here, you know.

When I met Cus, we talked a little bit about money, but we wanted to be great fighters. "Hey guys, I can't even finish this stuff. Thank you. Thank you," Tyson said, then sat down. If anyone could understand the 44-year-old Tyson's mind-set, it was Stallone, who penned the script about an underdog boxer from Philadelphia named Rocky Balboa and then played the part in the movies. "Rocky" was released in 1976 and was nominated for 10 Academy Awards, winning best picture, best director and best film editing. Every induction weekend is punctuated by the theme song from "Rocky," and on this day it seemed a little bit louder than usual as it blared over the loudspeakers when the honorees made their way onstage. "I've never pretended to be a boxer. I don't possess those skills," said Stallone, who skipped the annual pre-induction parade because of security concerns. "What I do think I have is an understanding of what goes on outside the ring. Outside the ring is sometimes maybe an even big-

ger struggle than what goes on inside the ring, and I was able to capture that.

Then I believe that you can identify more with the fighter." Stallone paused as the crowd erupted again. "More than that, you also realize that our life is a constant battle," Stallone said. "Sometimes I write things that may seem a little sentimental, but I truly believe it's not how hard you can hit — it's how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward because that's really what makes the difference in your life." Stallone also wrote five other movies based on the Rocky Balboa character and in 2006 was awarded the Boxing Writers Association of America award for "Lifetime Cinematic Achievement in Boxing." "There is special reverence for me," Stallone said. "They are the greatest athletes in the world. They are our connection to the past and our way to the future. They are the guys that go in there and take the blows and show that if you really put it out there on the line, you are a champion. You may not be the champion



of the world, but you'll be the champion of your life. "And Yo Adrian, I did it!" Stallone shouted in closing, repeating one of the more famous lines from the movie. Mexican champ Julio Cesar Chavez, Russian-born junior welterweight Kostya Tszyu, Mexican trainer Ignacio "Nacho" Beristain, and referee Joe Cortez also were inducted. Chavez, who grew up in an abandoned railroad car with his five sisters and four brothers, became a three-division champion, registering 88 knockouts before retiring with a pro-

fessional record of 107-6-2. "My induction into the Hall of Fame is not for me, it's for all of you and all of Mexico," Chavez said through an interpreter in a brief speech. Posthumous honorees enshrined included: bantamweight Memphis Pal Moore, light heavyweight champion Jack Root, and middleweight Dave Shade in the old-timer category; British heavyweight John Gully in the pioneer category; promoter A.F. Bettinson; and former BBC broadcaster Harry Carpenter. □

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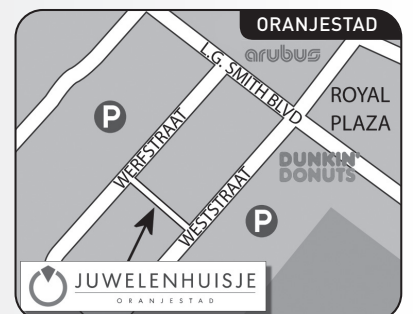
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Confidence in safety of vegetables can be misplaced

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The Greek salad I ordered at a business lunch in the Netherlands near the German border two weeks ago was served up with a dilemma. “Are you sure you want to eat that – look at the cucumbers?” my Dutch dining companion pointed out, ominously.

The outbreak of toxic *E. coli* in Germany is a reminder of the not-so-healthy underside of eating the Western world’s purportedly healthiest foods: raw vegetables. As a consequence of choosing this healthy option at a meal in Hamburg last month, thousands of Europeans have been sickened, hundreds are in intensive care units, and scores of unlucky diners have died. Although German health authorities identified bean sprouts grown on a farm in Lower Saxony as the source of the outbreak, they have all along been pretty certain that the culprit was green and uncooked.

Why? One primary piece of evidence cited by experts: The German victims are overwhelmingly female, exactly the demographic that eats salads.

Although most *E. coli* are utterly benign, outbreaks caused by the rarer toxic strains can

be deadly, and are almost always caused by consuming vegetables or meat contaminated with the germ.

Since heating kills *E. coli*, it is easy to protect against infection through meat by cooking the burger. In contrast, rinsing vegetables with water does not reliably wash away adherent bacteria.

When we eat salad we rely on the sanitary vigilance of

a long chain of farmers, harvesters, baggers, shippers, and markets to maintain our vegetables free of harmful germs.

Every forkful is an extraordinary vote of confidence in the food systems of the developed world that bring greens to our plate.

But, as thousands discovered in Germany this month, one unlucky bite can prove this

confidence is misplaced.

“For safety we really depend on what happens out in the field, but by and large produce is very, very safe,” said Gad Frankel, professor of molecular pathogenesis at Imperial College London.

“The chance of getting infected from lettuce is very low – probably about the same as winning the lottery.”

But, he added: “Some people do win the lottery and some people get sick.”

In poorer countries and across the developing world – where sanitary food systems are lacking or nonexistent – people avoid germs like *E. coli* by peeling fruit and eating only cooked vegetables.

If you are determined to eat raw, you use the technique I learned during a six-year assignment in China: Soak the produce in diluted dish soap or bleach for 20 minutes before rinsing and eating. (You don’t taste the soap any more than you taste soap after you wash a glass.)

In the United States and Europe, strict farm and food regulations as well as layers of field and factory inspections help keep the raw vegetable supply largely safe, said Dr. Robert Mandrell, head of the Produce Safety and Microbiology Unit at a United States

Department of Agriculture Lab in Albany, Calif.

But sprouts are particularly vulnerable to bacterial contamination.

They are raised from seeds that sometimes come from countries with less exacting sanitary inspections, which can themselves arrive infected with *E. coli*.

They are sprouted in warm water – the perfect temperature for bacterial growth.

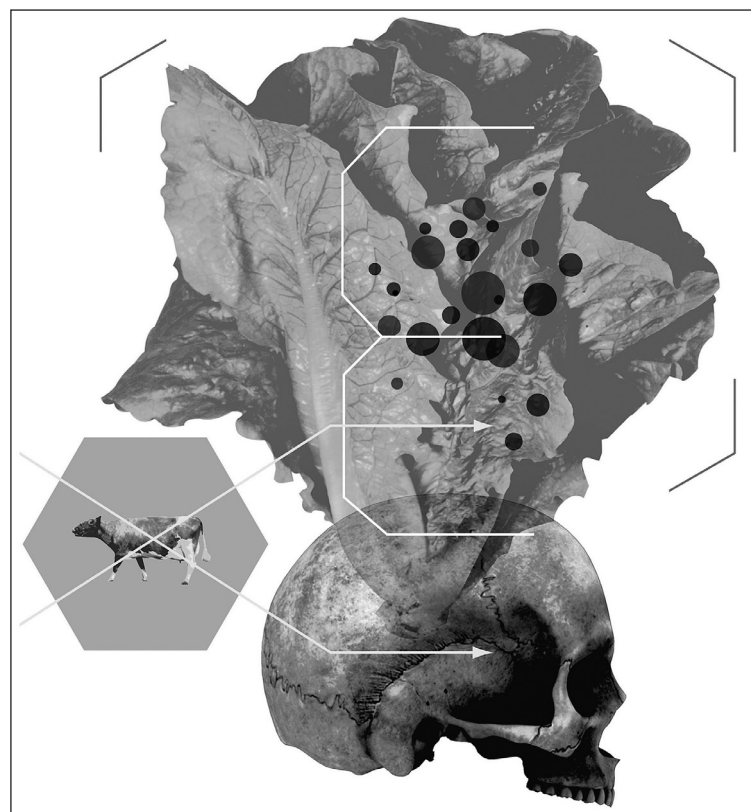
Because of sprouts’ risks, the United States Food and Drug Administration recommends that growers bathe their sprouts in a dilute chlorine solution and advises that children, the elderly, pregnant women, and persons with weakened immune systems should avoid eating them raw. Since *E. coli* live in the guts of mammals, farm animals and fresh vegetables are normally kept far apart to prevent contamination.

Risk exists every time that separation breaks down – danger lurks, for example, when torrential rain falls on a cow pasture causing unusual runoff that might end up in a river used for irrigation.

For this reason, large vegetable purchasers will reject produce from fields that have been recently flooded or where wildlife intrusions have occurred. In theory, the risk of *E. coli* contamination is generally higher where organic material (like cow manure) is used as fertilizer – whether on small tracts of land in rural China or on an organic farm in Germany.

The German authorities had been studying samples last week from an organic sprout farm to determine if it was the source of the outbreak.

But there is “no strong evidence to suggest that outbreaks are more likely to originate on organic farms,” Mandrell said. □



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(Stuart Bradford/The New York Times)

Scientists probe DNA of *E. coli* for outbreak clues

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LONDON (AP) — Scientists are quickly combing the DNA of the killer bacteria behind the world’s worst *E. coli* outbreak to find clues about how to treat patients and prevent future epidemics.

So far, one strain from a German patient has been sequenced by Chinese and German scientists. While the genetic information is preliminary, experts say there are

a few hints about where the bacteria came from and why it might be so lethal.

The *E. coli* causing Europe’s massive outbreak is likely the product of another strain first detected a decade ago in Germany, but with some dangerous mutations, experts say. German investigators have declared the outbreak was caused by contaminated sprouts from an organic farm in northern Germany. So far, the bug has killed at least 35

people and sickened more than 3,000, including several hundred who have developed life-threatening kidney failure.

Flemming Scheutz, head of the World Health Organization’s Collaborating Centre laboratory in Denmark, said the strain is particularly good at picking up new genes. Because *E. coli* is constantly evolving, it is riddled with genes swapped from other strains found in animals and

humans, giving it countless opportunities to acquire something lethal.

“It’s just very unfortunate that in this case, it recombined and took on these (dangerous) genes and that it happened to do it in the food chain,” he said.

Scheutz said some previously seen related strains were also quite toxic but that scientists needed more samples to have a better understanding of how the new strain behaves. □

IMF targeted in cyberattack, extent not disclosed

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NEW YORK (AP) — The International Monetary Fund, already reeling from last month's arrest of its former leader, is investigating an attack on its computer system. IMF spokesman David Hawley said the organization is fully functional. He declined to provide further details on what he termed an "IT incident," including its scope or nature and whether any sensitive data were taken. The IMF has confidential information on countries in financial trouble. The New York Times cited unnamed IMF officials as saying the attack was sophisticated and serious. The IMF told staffers about it on Wednesday but hasn't

made a public announcement. The IMF is already facing a public-relations headache after the arrest of Dominique Strauss-Kahn, who resigned as IMF chief last month after being accused of sexually assaulting a maid in a New York hotel.

French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, Mexican central bank chief Agustín Carstens and others are vying for the top job. Stanley Fischer, Israel's central bank chief, emerged as a candidate Saturday.

It's not clear if hackers were targeting the IMF. Hackers sometimes try to distribute malicious software code widely and see which organizations it can infect.

But they can also choose targets. Using a technique

called "spear phishing," for instance, they can trick employees of a specific organization into clicking a link that then gives hackers access to its computer systems.

Dave Jevans, chairman of computer security firm IronKey Inc., said he's concerned by an uptick in "hacktivism," where groups target organizations for political purposes.

It's possible the IMF was the victim of such hacktivism. However, one official cited by the Times said the attack occurred over the last several months, before the troubles involving Strauss-Kahn.

Concerns about the IMF attack were great enough that the World Bank cut a computer link that allows the



Pedestrians walk past the International Monetary Fund headquarters' complex in Washington in this May 2, 2010 file photo.

Associated Press

two organizations to share non-sensitive information, according to a bank official. The move was taken out of "an abundance of caution," said the official, who spoke on condition of \ because of the security issues around the incident.

The IMF attack follows a string of major data breaches. In recent months, hackers have penetrated 100 million Sony PlayStation accounts,

the networks of Lockheed Martin and the customer email databases of a company that does marketing for Best Buy and Target stores.

Google has accused Chinese hackers of targeting the Gmail accounts of U.S. government officials.

About 200,000 Citibank credit card customers in North America had their names, account numbers and email addresses stolen. □

Comcast's \$4.4B Olympics bid a bold online bet

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC lost more than \$200 million the last time it showed the Winter Olympics, and it's bracing for similar losses in London next year.

So, plenty of people scoffed when the network bid \$4.4 billion — nearly a billion more than runner-up Fox — for the U.S. rights to carry the four games through 2020.

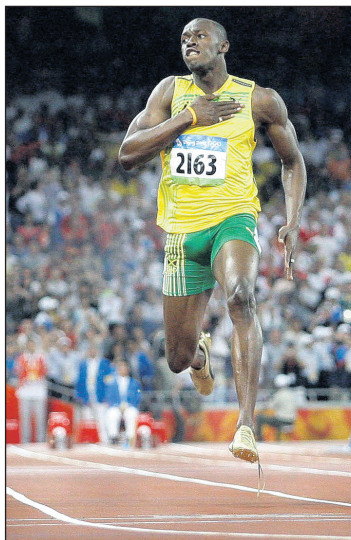
Yet the price may prove right. The growth of Internet video and opportunities under NBC's new owner, Comcast Corp., should help cut losses significantly and perhaps make the Olympics profitable after the London Games. There's also an intangible promotional benefit to NBC. Consider this: Even at a loss, the Olympics generate huge audiences. About 185 million people saw some of the Olympics in Vancouver last year. The struggling broadcaster can promote new shows to those viewers as it tries to dig out of fourth place.

NBC didn't pay all that much for the Olympics, considering that TV rights fees for other major sports such as college basketball have been dou-

bling or tripling. For the 2014 and 2016 games, it's paying about the same as it has been. For the final two games in the deal, NBC is paying just 19 percent more.

Morgan Stanley analyst Benjamin Swinburne called NBC's deal an "Olympic win at the right price."

He said NBC should be able to cut its Olympic losses in half after London, as long as viewership doesn't change and advertising rates keep improving. Beyond that, NBC can create more ad opportunities by tapping sports channels added to the NBCUniversal family when Comcast took control in January. One is the Golf Channel — convenient for Comcast as golf joins the Olympics in 2016. Another is Versus, which Comcast is positioning as a competitor to ESPN, another Olympic bidder. NBCUniversal will have about 20 channels and more than 40 websites to cover the games. By contrast, it used five channels and one website in 2010, when it was controlled by General Electric Co. The Olympics coverage can also help Comcast get higher fees from other cable TV companies such as



This is an Aug. 16, 2008, file photo showing Usain Bolt of Jamaica, reacting as he wins the men's 100-meter final, with a world record, at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Time Warner Cable Inc. to carry those channels in their lineups. "It does not take too much to move it across the finish line in terms of getting more in the black," said Matthew Harrigan, an analyst with Wunderlich Securities.

NBC should also benefit from sponsorship packages developed by the U.S. Olympic Committee two years ago when the advertising market looked grim. One such package creates a direct connection between the USOC, NBC and the sponsors — in this case, Citigroup, TD Ameritrade and a home-improvement company that still hasn't been determined. □

RIM shareholder calls for separate CEO, chairman

NEW YORK (AP) — BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. is already struggling to keep up with rivals such as Apple Inc. Now it faces another challenge: dissident shareholders who are calling for changes in how the company is run.

A Canadian investment firm is calling for RIM to separate the roles of CEO and chairman, saying that's vital for the board to be able to do its job. Shareholder-rights groups often support separating the two positions.

A board of directors is tasked with overseeing the CEO, which can be difficult if the CEO is also chairman of the board.

The firm, Northwest & Ethical Investments, is also asking that the company require any future board chairmen to be independent from the company, which essentially means that they cannot be RIM employees.

Shareholders will vote on NEI's proposal at the annual meeting July 12 in RIM's hometown of Waterloo, Ontario.

RIM has an unusual leadership structure, where two executives, Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis, serve as both co-CEOs and co-chairmen. The company is asking shareholders to vote against NEI's proposal, saying that the board's lead independent director serves many of the functions that a chairman would. Balsillie and Lazaridis have long histories at the company. In 2009, they settled allegations with the SEC and the Ontario Securities Commission about stock options that had allegedly been backdated. As part of the settlement, Balsillie agreed to step down from the board for about a year.

In March, RIM reported higher revenue and net income for the fiscal year ended Feb. 26. □

Gauging the impact of a Greek restructuring

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LONDON — Bond traders and officials at the European Central Bank have been unified in their warnings that a restructuring of Greece's debt would set off an investor panic similar to the one that followed the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers. Others, however, have argued that Greece's debt of 330 billion euros, or \$473 billion, while too large for the country to bear, is small enough to allow banks and other institutions to take a loss without bringing the world financial system to its knees.

But the comparisons between Greece and Lehman grew more frequent last week as global markets reeled, spurred in part by the view that Germany's insistence that private investors participate in a second rescue package for Athens would overcome the objections of the European Central Bank. "It is a valid concern," said David Riley, head of sovereign ratings at Fitch. "The Rubicon would be crossed — we would have a sovereign default event and that can be quite a shock, not just for the peripheral countries but for Spain and beyond."

The thinking goes like this: Though banks and other investors have done much to pare their Greek holdings in the past year, if they are forced to take a loss, and the ratings agencies declare Greece in default, investors would

start selling in a panic. And they would not sell just the bonds of countries struggling with debt — Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy. In a hasty retreat into cash, traders would unload more liquid assets as well, everything from high-grade corporate bonds to U.S.

striking as trade flows nearly ground to a halt.

Analysts point out that the global financial system has survived sovereign defaults in the past, including Russia's in 1998 and Argentina's in 2001. Also, since the prospect of a Greek default has been fore-



Greek protesters gesture as they gather at the entrance of Greece's embassy in London, Sunday, June 12, 2011. A dozen protesters gathered to express their solidarity with the protesters at a rally in Athens, Greece, where more than ten thousand people gathered to protest new austerity measures which were unveiled on Friday. The measures include a host of new taxes on austerity-weary Greeks.

(AP Photo/Lefteris Pitarakis)

and emerging market equities — as occurred in 2008 after Lehman failed.

To be sure, much has to be wrong for the European debt crisis to approximate what happened after Lehman failed in 2008. Not only did banks, hedge funds and insurance companies immediately seize up, but the effect on the broader global economy was also

shadowed for so long, financial institutions have had sufficient opportunity to reduce their holdings of Greek debt. But in doing that, the private sector has passed much of the exposure to Greece and other troubled economies in Europe to public sector entities like the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund. □

Home sales: Building through the bust

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Pat Neal is an oddity among Florida developers: He still builds and sells lots of new homes. The financial crisis that shattered many of his competitors only slowed Neal. His edge? He paid cash for land before the boom drove up prices. "I didn't owe anybody any money," said Neal, whose Neal Communities builds mostly in the Lakewood Ranch area east of Interstate 75 in Manatee and Sarasota counties. "I don't like to take on debt and work hard to buy

at the right price."

Neal Communities' housing starts peaked in 2005 at 386, fell to 121 in 2007 and should hit 397 this year. Neal expects to exceed 500 in 2012.

Earlier boom-and-bust cycles taught Neal a lesson in changing to meet the times. In post-bust Florida, that meant building homes that are smaller, less expensive to build and thus more affordable.

In 2005, Neal's average new house was about 2,400 square feet and cost \$550,000. Today: 1,700 square feet and \$230,000. "We had to make

dramatic changes," said Neal, who lost money on some sales during the bust. "I like to think I have a three-year head start on the rest of the industry."

The strategy worked for Neal Communities, the nation's 94th-biggest home builder. Example: 18 builders put up 237 homes last year in Lakewood Ranch. Neal built as many as the other 17 combined. In fact, Neal built one of every five new houses started in Manatee and Sarasota counties last year. Those sales were worth almost \$71 million. □

Business Briefs

Russian fugitive buys 20% of Israeli daily

JERUSALEM (AP) — Russian-born tycoon Leonid Nevzlin, a former business partner of jailed Russian oil baron Mikhail Khodorkovsky, has bought a 20 percent stake in the dovish Haaretz daily for 140 million shekels (\$41 million). The deal leaves the paper's founding Schocken family with a 60 percent share. Germany's DuMont Schauberg publishing company holds the remaining equity. Haaretz said Sunday that the cash injection would let it invest in unspecified "new technological opportunities." Nevzlin immigrated to Israel in 2003 after the Russian government started going after Yukos, the oil company he and Khodorkovsky created. □

Chevron to leave Puerto Rico, shutter Texaco

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Chevron Corporation is leaving Puerto Rico and plans to sell its 187 Texaco stations across the island, a spokesman said Saturday. The Texaco brand has been in the U.S. Caribbean territory since 1911, and it currently has 75 employees, spokesman Sean Comey said.

Last year, the company issued a statement saying it would sell its fuels marketing and aviation business in other Caribbean islands including Barbados, Antigua and Martinique to Vitogaz SA., a subsidiary of France-based RUBIS. The restructuring is aimed at saving money and strengthening more lucrative markets, the company has said. The announcement comes as Swiss oil company Puma Energy Caribe LLC expects to open its first gas stations in Puerto Rico after buying Capeco's facility along with 147 service stations through a court-ordered bankruptcy sale. □

Palestinian PM supports Israeli for IMF job

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel's central bank chief picked up a new and unexpected supporter Sunday in his bid to head the International Monetary Fund: the Palestinian prime minister. Stanley Fischer, governor of the Bank of Israel, is a "superb human being" who would make a "great managing director" for the world financial body, Salam Fayyad told The Associated Press on Sunday. "He is supremely qualified for the job. Indeed, it's difficult to see how one can be more qualified," Fayyad said.

The Palestinian Authority does not participate in the selection process, but Fayyad said he would support Fisher "if only Palestine had a vote." Fayyad, a U.S.-trained economist and, like Fischer, a former IMF official, said he had known Fischer for two decades, since the two worked together at the fund. □

New firms join Canadian bid for Toronto exchange

TORONTO (AP) — Four new financial companies have joined a rival Canadian-only bid for the TMX Group that could block a proposed merger of the Toronto and London stock exchanges. Maple Group Acquisition Corp. announced Sunday that Desjardins Financial Group, Dundee Capital Markets, GMP Capital Inc. and Manulife Financial have signed on as investors. Manulife is Canada's largest insurance company and Desjardins the biggest credit union, with major financial operations in Quebec. Dundee and GMP are smaller wealth managers.

Maple, made up of a who's who of Canada's major financial players — including several major banks — has put forward a C\$3.6 billion (US\$3.67 billion) bid to acquire TMX Group, which owns the Toronto exchange. TMX rejected the bid, saying there are too many uncertainties, including regulatory and debt risks. □

Prada: Hong Kong IPO roadshow on solid ground

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AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Prada SpA and its bankers said recent turmoil in world stock markets won't weaken the Italian fashion house's upcoming Hong Kong IPO, as executives on Sunday continued an international roadshow to promote its expansion into Asian markets.

Prada and Goldman Sachs executives said they think

shares last week at the lower end of the proposed range, indicating waning investor interest. Fears that the global economic recovery has stalled have driven investors out of the market and sent stocks lower around the world.

"Despite recent market turmoil, the Prada team is very optimistic," said Mary Koo, an executive director in Goldman Sachs' consumer retail division. Goldman is one of

growth story and with this valuation, we expect the Hong Kong retail (portion) to be very enthusiastic," Koo said. Prada is hoping to capitalize on Asia's booming luxury-goods market. Asia is forecast to be the luxury industry's fastest-growing region, and China to be the fastest-growing market, driven by strong economic growth, increasing urbanization and higher spending by the rich, the



A woman walks out of a Prada store in Hong Kong Sunday, June 12, 2011. Prada and its bankers say an international roadshow to promote the Italian fashion house's upcoming Hong Kong IPO is going well despite recent turmoil in world stock markets. Prada is selling some 423.3 million shares in an initial public offering this month.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

individual investors in Hong Kong will be enthusiastic when the local part of the initial public offering begins this week.

Prada is selling some 423.3 million shares — equivalent to a 16.5 percent stake — making it the first Italian company to go public on the southern Chinese financial center's stock exchange. The shares will be priced on June 17 and start trading June 24.

Prada, which also owns the Miu Miu, Church's and Car Shoes brands, is the latest in a string of foreign companies to list in Hong Kong this year as they seek to tap economic growth in Asia and raise their brand awareness.

However, sliding stock markets around the globe have made it hard for another international listing, Samsonite International S.A., to reach its maximum valuation.

The luggage maker, which is also going public in Hong Kong this month, priced its

the investment banks working on the deal.

"We don't feel the stress," added Carlo Mazzi, Prada's deputy chairman, who spoke to reporters in Hong Kong via videolink from Milan. Neither Mazzi nor Koo would disclose specific details about investor interest.

The Prada and Goldman executives also shrugged off concerns about the IPO's relatively high valuation and the Italian capital gains tax.

Prada is raising HK\$15.4 billion to HK\$20.3 billion (\$2.2.6 billion) by selling shares at 36.50 to 48 Hong Kong dollars (\$4.69 to \$6.17), pricing that analysts say is on the steep side.

Investors also face an Italian capital gains tax of 12.5 percent on any profits from selling their shares, an unusual situation in Hong Kong, which does not tax capital gains.

"We expect that with a brand name like Prada, with this

company said in its prospectus, citing market research. In the next five years, China is forecast to become the third-largest market for luxury sales worldwide.

Prada plans to open about 80 stores a year until the end of 2014, with 20 to 25 of those in Asia, including 10 to 12 in China, Group Controlling Director Armando Tolomelli said on the videolink.

Some 14 percent of the IPO shares will be new, raising at least HK\$2.1 billion (\$270 million) for the company. Three-quarters of that money will be used to open more stores or expand existing ones while the rest will be used to pay off debt or for working capital and general purposes. Prada's main shareholders, President Miuccia Prada and her family, who own 94.9 percent, and Italian bank Intesa Sanpaolo, which owns 5.1 percent, will also profit handsomely. □

Slow recoveries follow financial panics

Carolyn Lochhead

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Washington -- Nearly three years after a financial panic threatened to bring down the U.S. economy, unemployment is stuck at more than 9 percent, credit agencies are issuing dire warnings about the nation's debt, growth has stalled and President Obama faces the prospect of a one-term presidency.

None of this is unusual. Financial panics for the past eight centuries show that after the crisis, employment takes more than four years to recover, government debt "explodes," rising on average 86 percent, and asset prices such as housing collapse, according to economists Carmen Reinhart of the University of Maryland and Kenneth Rogoff of Harvard University.

But some nations fare better than others. In the early 1990s, Sweden recovered from a banking panic by undertaking dramatic fiscal reforms that cut spending and turned deficits to surpluses, while Japan suffered two "lost decades" after its bubble burst in 1989.

Britain's Tory government is now testing the Republican theory that sharp, immediate spending cuts will boost confidence and rebuild a foundation for growth. The government is slashing spending, provoking student riots last year. So far, the result has been slower, not faster, growth.

"We know from Reinhart and Rogoff that financial crises in general are more difficult to recover from than regular recessions," said University of California at Berkeley economist Alan Auerbach. "This is different from other recessions in the postwar period, and that helps explain why the recovery is weaker. □

Expert: Weaker Africans to benefit from free trade

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Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Weaker countries that fear being overwhelmed in a huge African free trade area will benefit from it in the long term, a development expert said Sunday as leaders of 26 governments launched negotiations to create the zone encompassing nearly 600 million people and a combined GDP of more than \$800 billion.

In the short term, "you have to acknowledge the fact that within an FTA there are winners and losers," Kennedy Mbekeani, an African Development Bank official, said in an interview. But he said as the zone helps boost the region's economies, smaller members will benefit and find and develop sectors where they have competitive advantage.

"They should not be defensive, they should go in with an open mind," said Mbekeani, recently appointed by his bank to help find ways to support the zone that stretches from Egypt down to South Africa and from Angola across to the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. The bank would like to see a continentwide free trade zone, and sees the south and east bloc — which accounts for half the continent's population and GDP — as an important step in that direction. In the early days, Mbekeani said, some countries will want to establish tariff and other barriers. He said barriers should be temporary, and while they are in place, countries should be strengthening their economies.

In a speech to the summit Sunday, the leader of Swaziland, King Mswati III, expressed some of the misgivings of countries like his, with among the smallest populations and weakest economies in the zone. Mswati called for negotiations to proceed cautiously. □

Tony Awards “not just for gays anymore”

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two actors from the revival of the AIDS drama “The Normal Heart” — Ellen Barkin and John Benjamin Hickey — won the first two acting Tony Awards on a night that promised to be a big one for a musical that sometimes jokes about AIDS — “The Book of Mormon.”

Barkin won the award Sunday night for best actress in a featured role in a play and Hickey took home the male equivalent honor for their blistering performances in Larry Kramer’s AIDS drama. “It’s the proudest moment of my career. Being involved in something this important is I think a once-in-a-career op-



Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker arrive at the 65th annual Tony Awards, Sunday, June 12, 2011 in New York.

(AP Photo/Charles Sykes)

portunity,” said Barkin, who was making her Broadway debut. The best direction of a

musical award went to Casey Nicholaw and Trey Parker for “The Book of Mormon.” The top directing prize for a play went to Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris for “War Horse.” Host Neil Patrick Harris began the Beacon Theatre show with an exuberant, tongue-in-cheek song about how Broadway isn’t just for gay people any more. The number featured a bevy of dancing nuns, sailors, flight attendants and Mormons. “Attention every breeder, you’re invited to the theater!”

Barkin’s award kicked off a performance of the song “Brotherhood of Man” from the musical “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying,” featuring Daniel Radcliffe and John Laroquette. □

Summertime Rolls



Singer Nicole Scherzinger performs during the Summertime Ball at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday June 12, 2011.

(AP Photo/Yui Mok, PA)

Eminem takes the big stage as rap rules Bonnaroo

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AP Entertainment Writer

MANCHESTER, Tennessee (AP) — After a little more than an hour of a hard-as-nails set that had the bikini-clad rumps shaking at Bonnaroo, Eminem thanked the crowd and left the stage. Nearly 80,000 fans chanted “Shady! Shady!” in a thunderous roar for five minutes until hip hop’s angry king returned to the stage for a triumphant encore of “Lose Yourself,” capping the day rap took over Bonnaroo. Saturday kicked off with Big Boi and Lil Wayne laying down early morning sets — inexplicably overlapping — shortly after Arcade Fire’s Friday night finale, and the takeover continued with Wiz Khalifa on the big stage during

a hot afternoon set before Eminem made his Bonnaroo debut. These weren’t the first rappers at the four-day festival down on the farm in Tennessee.

The event is known more for its granola-flavored ethos than its urban cool, but Jay-Z turned in one of the most memorable sets in the festival’s 10-year history in 2010 and expectations were high for Saturday’s takeover — the most concentrated collection of star MCs at Bonnaroo. Big Boi mixed in his own songs with Outkast favorites. Lil Wayne played it naughty with the crowd and debuted tracks from his forthcoming album “Tha Carter IV,” rattling the portable toilets with a thunderous bass well into the morning. □

Entertainment Briefs

Jolie-Pitt Foundation donates \$500k to Joplin

JOPLIN, Missouri (AP) — Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are donating \$500,000 from their foundation to help Joplin rebuild from the deadly tornado that struck the southwest Missouri town last month. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks says the gift from the Jolie-Pitt Foundation will go to mid- and long-term needs in the tornado-ravaged city. The Community Foundation announced the gift Friday in a news release. Pitt grew up in southwest Missouri and says in the release that he spent much of his childhood in the area and knows the people to be “especially resilient.” The May 22 tornado destroyed more than 8,000 homes and 400 businesses. □

Lady Gaga sings ‘Born ...’ at Rome gay rally

ROME (AP) — Lady Gaga sang a few bars of her smash hit “Born This Way” and demanded the end of discrimination against gays as she proclaimed herself a “child of diversity” at a gay pride rally Saturday night in the ancient Circus Maximus. Wearing a green wig, she played the piano and sang a few numbers. But she devoted much of her appearance after an annual European gay pride parade to denounce intolerance and discrimination against gays and transgender people. Lady Gaga told the crowd she is often asked “How gay are you, Lady Gaga?” “My answer is: ‘I am a child of diversity.’” She also proudly cited her Italian roots — saying she was really named Stefania Giovanna Angelina Germanotta. □



Fans react as they wait for US singer Lady Gaga to perform on stage during the Europride gay rights march, at Rome’s Circus Maximus.

(AP Photo)

K-Pop bands thrill fans at Paris shows

PARIS (AP) — South Korean bands have thrilled a packed house at one of France’s best known concert halls with a show billed as the first to bring the hot K-Pop genre to Europe. Boy and girl bands such as Super Juniors and Girls’ Generation performed to screams from mostly young-female fans on Saturday night at the “SM Town Live Nation” event at Paris’ Zenith 6,300-seat theater — the event’s only European stop. Concertgoers demanded a second show after Friday’s first, reserved for ticket-buyers in Asia and the United States, sold out in minutes. K-Pop riffs off R&B and rock styles with sharply dressed bands dancing around, often in sync. □

Abrams, Spielberg’s ‘Super 8’ lifts off with \$37M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood’s summer box-office streak has cooled a bit with a \$37 million opening weekend for J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg’s science-fiction tale “Super 8.”

It was a healthy but unremarkable launch in a summer season whose newcomers often open with two or three times as much money.

Released by Paramount Pictures, “Super 8” largely features a cast of young newcomers, the story centering on teen filmmakers and an alien entity that escapes from a wrecked train.

“The movie was never conceived to be a blockbuster, tent-pole film opening to \$60 or \$70 million,” said Don Harris, head of distribution for Paramount.

Writer-director Abrams (“Star Trek,” TV’s “Lost”) was inspired by his own youth as a Super 8 filmmaker who emulated such talents as Spielberg, a producer on “Super 8.” □

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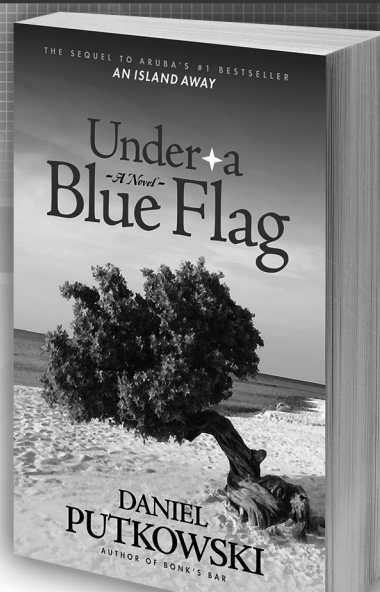


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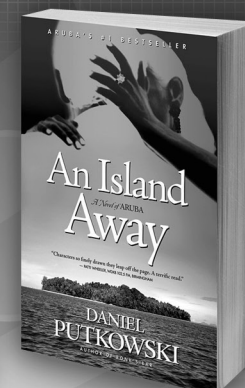
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ABC and NBC land interviews with a checkbook



An image of Megan Broussard, one of the women who was sent lewd photos by Anthony Weiner, in an interview with ABC's Chris Cuomo. ABC and NBC, embroiled in an intensifying competition for viewers in the mornings, are increasingly in the news for their willingness to pay thousands of dollars to gain exclusive access to news subjects.

(ABC News via The New York Times)

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Before the subjects of headlining news stories agree to a television interview these days, some have one question: How much money can I make?

ABC and NBC, embroiled in a fight for viewers in the mornings, are increasingly in the news for their willingness to pay thousands of dollars to gain exclusive access to news subjects.

The practice was especially visible last week when ABC News ran an exclusive interview with Meagan Broussard, one of the women who was sent lewd photos by Anthony Weiner, after the network paid her about \$15,000. ABC said its extensive reporting, including the interview, led to Weiner's admissions about his online behavior.

Also last week, ABC announced that Diane Sawyer had secured the first-ever in-

terview with Jaycee Lee Dugard, the young woman held captive for 18 years in California. ABC declared that it had not paid any fee for the interview, but last year, according to a longtime ABC News executive aware of the deal, the network paid a six-figure sum for rights to home movies of Dugard.

The networks provide perks besides paychecks, too: When David Goldman, a subject in a custody battle over his son, brought his son back to the United States from Brazil last year, he was provided both a ride on a private jet by NBC and accommodations at Universal Studios, an amusement park partly owned by NBC's parent company. Goldman's network of choice for interviews was NBC, and he mentioned being "grateful" for their support.

More recently, a high school student in Washington state who faked a pregnancy was persuaded to appear on NBC

in May in part because the network placed money in a trust fund for her future education.

Network representatives say their only payments are licensing fees for photographs and videos, not for interviews. In the case of the high school student, NBC said, "the video of the moment when she revealed to her class that she was faking was essential to her story," the "Today" show

executive producer Jim Bell said, adding, "The amount was reasonable."

Similarly, James Goldston, the executive producer of ABC's morning show, "Good Morning America," said the fees paid were relatively small and called the licensing "a very small part of the work that we do."

In other interviews last week, the licensing distinction

was glossed over – and even laughed at – by current and former network employees and executives, some of whom said the practice was at best a questionable breach of ethics. "The real issue is: by paying for interviews, are you changing the news?" said David Westin, who was the president of ABC News until last winter, when many licensing deals were done. □

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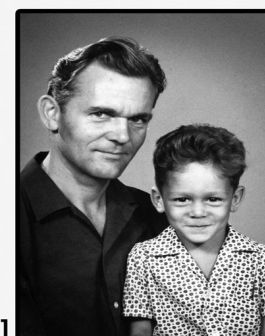
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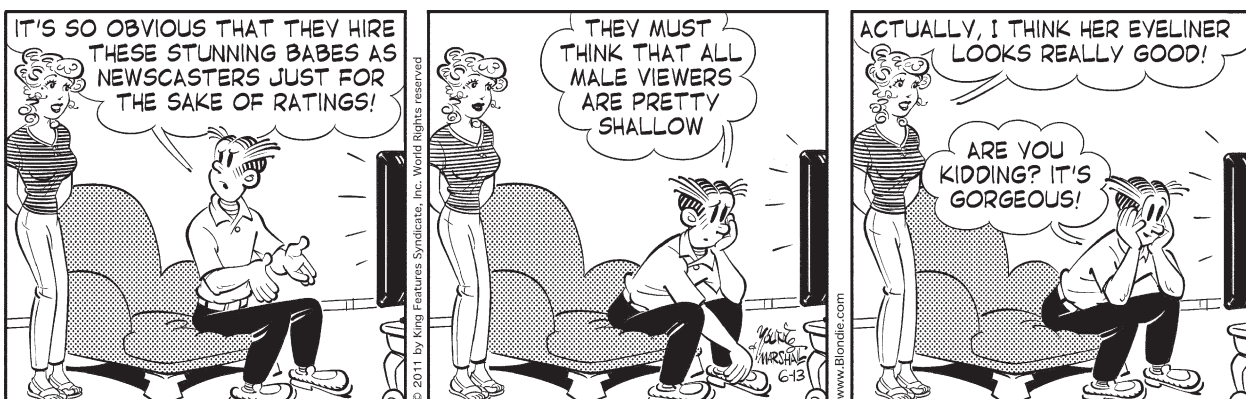
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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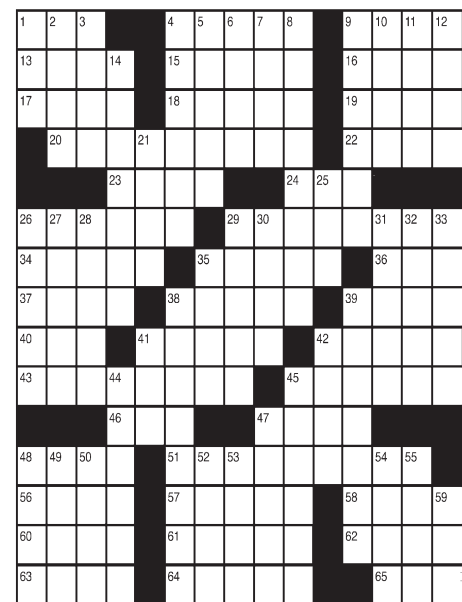
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ACROSS

- Baby bear
- Packed into boxes
- Majority
- Burden
- Breathing
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- Beauty spots
- Calendar period
- Consequently
- Church song
- Underground plant part
- Deli loaf
- Insects that destroy plants
- Self-service restaurants
- Makes well
- "He is ___"; Easter cry
- "___ Willie Winkie"
- Roof overhang
- Gave medicine to
- Daddy
- Hardware store chain
- Construct
- Readjust
- Not necessarily so
- Wood-shaping machines
- Four qts.
- Split; division
- Prayer closing
- Childish
- Hailed vehicle
- Female relative
- Tidy
- Leave out
- Go in
- Deep, long cut
- Partner
- Enjoys a book
- Coloring agent

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- College credit
- Reagan's VP
- Carved gems



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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OLGA	SAIL	ADORE
COAL	ELLE	CLEAR
KNEE	REDD	HEDGE

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- Resident of Ireland's capital
- Rubbing an animal tenderly
- Lamb's cry
- Huck Finn's float
- Light, as a fire
- Cruise ships
- Ran
- Tiny particle
- Baby's cry
- Way out
- Four and five
- Greek cheese
- Pencil's center
- As ___ as pie
- Definite article

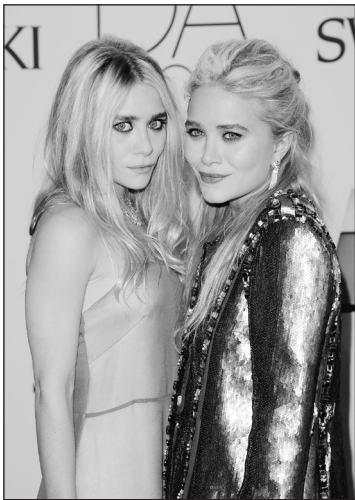
Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 13, the 164th day of 2011. There are 201 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

323 B.C. - Alexander the Great dies of a fever at age 33 in Babylon. He leaves no heir, and his empire dissolves.
1653 - British fleet defeats Dutch off North Foreland.
1839 - Milos Obrenovic, king of Serbia, abdicates because of opposition to his autocratic methods, and is succeeded by his son Milan.
1888 - Elderly Prime Minister Charles Floquet of France inflicts a severe wound on populist leader Gen. George Boulanger in a duel in Paris.
2004 - Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democratic party slumps to its worst nationwide showing in post-World War II Germany.
2005 - A U.S. Congress-mandated report on the United Nations calls the world body's management "ossified" and questions whether U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan can overcome inertia, low morale and micromanagement as he pushes sweeping reform.
2006 - East African nations try to bolster a largely powerless government in Somalia, imposing sanctions against warlords and threatening measures against their rival Islamic militiamen.
2007 - Hamas launches a battle for control of the entire Gaza Strip, pounding Gaza City's three main security compounds with mortars, grenades and assault rifles and calling on beleaguered Fatah forces to surrender.
2008 - Three armed robbers stole two Pablo Picasso prints from a Sao Paulo art museum in a rapid strike in which the thieves bypassed more valuable works to grab the stolen pieces.
2009 - Opponents of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad clash with police in the heart of Iran's capital, pelting them with rocks and setting fire in the worst unrest in a decade. They accuse the hardline president of using fraud to steal an election victory from a reformist candidate.
2010 - A separatist party that advocates independence for the Dutch-speaking region of Belgium, leaving the country's Francophones to fend for themselves, scores an unprecedented win in a general election.



Ashley Olsen, left, and Mary-Kate Olsen attend the 2011 CFDA Fashion Awards at Alice Tully Hall on Monday, June 6, 2011, in New York. The Olsen twins celebrate their birthday today.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

Today's Birthdays:
 Richard Barnfield, English poet (1574-1627); James Clerk Maxwell, British physicist (1831-1879); William B. Yeats, Irish poet (1865-1939); Fernando Pessoa, Portuguese writer (1888-1935); Ralph Edwards, host ("This Is Your Life") (1913-2005); Siegfried, magician with Siegfried & Roy (1939--); Malcolm McDowell, British actor (1943--); Tim Allen, actor/comedian (1953--); Ally Sheedy, U.S. actress (1962--); Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen, U.S. actresses (1986--); David Gray, British folk/rock singer/songwriter (1968--).

Thought For Today:

One is easily fooled by that which one loves — Moliere, French actor-playwright (1622-1673). □

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Obesity surgery fails to extend life in older men

A black and white photograph showing a person from the side, seated at a table. They are wearing a light-colored t-shirt and dark shorts. Their right arm is resting on the table, and they are holding a small object, possibly a pen or a piece of food. A white tray with food is in front of them. To the left, a can of Coca-Cola is visible on the table. The background is dark and out of focus.

"It may be too little too late," said Dr. Philip Schauer of the Cleveland Clinic's Bariatric and Metabolic Institute. He was not involved in the study. "You may have to intervene earlier for a survival benefit." Evidence has been mounting for the health benefits of obesity surgery, so the new results may surprise some people. U.S. doctors now perform more than 200,000 obesity surgeries a year at an estimated cost of \$3 billion to \$5 billion. Schauer said a definitive study on survival could cost \$200 million. □

The patients' organ damage from obesity could have been too far along for weight loss

Scientists find genes linked to migraines

day. Migraines are acutely debilitating headaches -- sometimes with an "aura", in which patients have the impression of seeing through frosted glass

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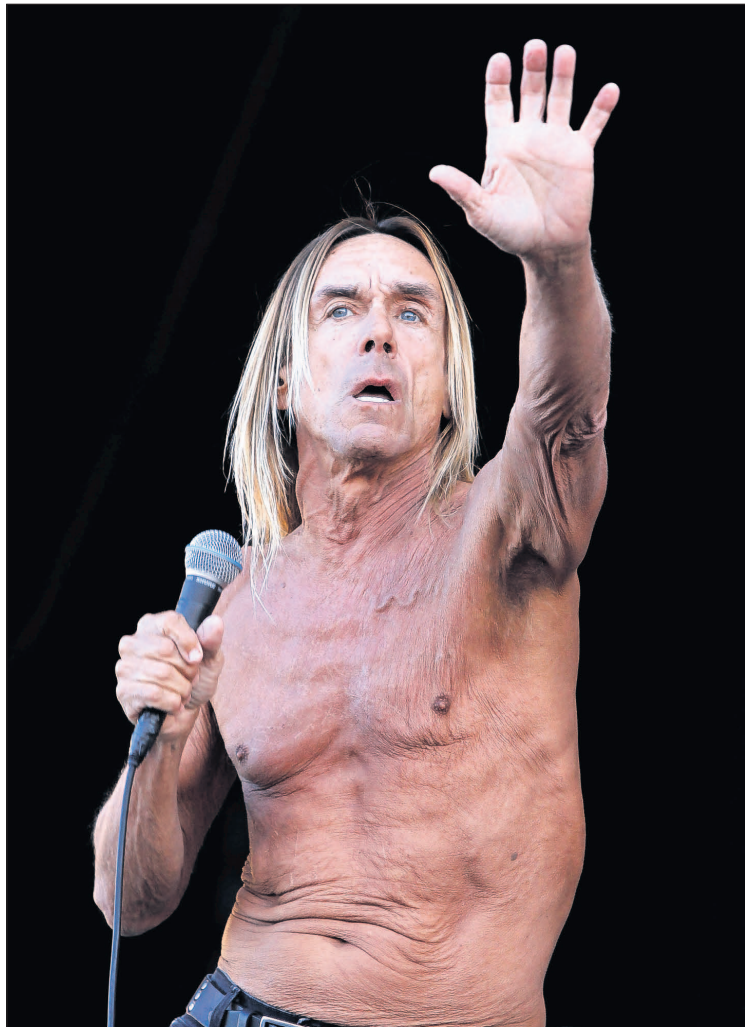
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Isle of Wight Music Festival braves the rain



British musician Jarvis Cocker of Pulp performs at the Isle of Wight music festival, England, Saturday, June 11, 2011.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)



Iggy Pop performs with The Stooges during the second day of the Isle of Wight Festival, Saturday, June 11, 2011.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)



Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters performs at the Isle of Wight music festival in Newport, England, Saturday, June 11, 2011.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)

England - About 75,000 people converged on Seaclose Park, Newport, for the three-day event which has also seen performances by Kings of Leon, Pulp, Foo Fighters, Tom Jones and Liam Gallagher's new band Beady Eye.

The event was celebrating its 10th anniversary since it reincarnated the legendary festivals of the late 1960s.

Kate Moss brought her hen-do to the festival with the group arriving in two large pink limousines and other celebrities who enjoyed the event were actress Sadie Frost and Mathew Horne from TV's Gavin and Stacey. Although the crowd had depleted slightly because of the weather, the atmosphere was still lively.

Joel Ryder, from Southsea, Hampshire, said: "It's been non-stop rain since 5am this morning and some people have definitely left due to the rain but the atmosphere is still good. Some people have ditched their trainers because they got too mud-ridden and have had to go barefoot."

Chris Jones, from Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, added: "It's been an awesome weekend. Seasick Steve was a legend and the Foos were just amazing. Dave Grohl is the epitome of rock and roll frontmen and no amount of rain today will dampen some great memories."

During the weekend, some

people were annoyed with the organizers who had banned foldable chairs from the site "out of concern for the pub-

lic" and to "enhance the audience experience", although the chairs could still be bought from shops on site. □



Eliza Dolittle performs at the Isle of Wight music festival, Friday, June 10, 2011.

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Mike O'Quinn hails from rural central Georgia, a geographical melting pot of rich diversity of musical influences. Country, rock, jazz, bluegrass, rhythm and blues, and even time-honored standards crept into his consciousness until he finally started playing and performing while in high school.

Early on, Mike became involved with studio work, recording and/or performing with members of the Allman Brothers Band, Cameo, The Outlaws, The Reddings, Stillwater, The Marshall Tucker Band, Poco, Restless Heart and others. He later became a premier solo performer on Carnival Cruise Lines and the Holland America Line.

He currently resides in Nashville, writing and recording, while performing solo and dueling piano shows throughout the United States — where he thoroughly engages audiences and creates a fun, party atmosphere

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